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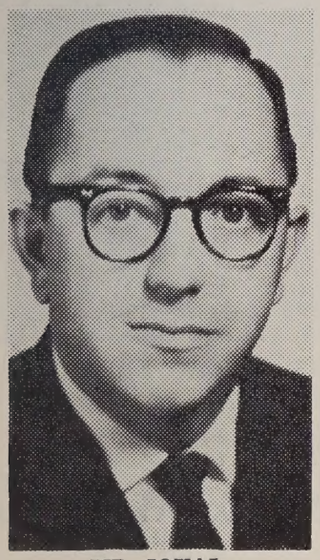

MR. JOYAL

## RETURN of the NATIVE

**by JOAN TETRAULT**
**of the Acorn Staff**

The corridors and halls of Worcester State College are again sparkling with the engaging smile and affable personality of Mr. Achille A. Joyal, psychology professor. We students are happy to extend a warm "welcome back" to Mr. Joyal upon his return to our campus and classrooms.

Mr. Joyal's arrival in the United States on August 20 climaxed a two year stay in Cambodia. His trip home included stops of several days in Bangkok, Thailand, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Hawaii, and San Francisco. In these cities he visited his former Cambodian students who are studying English under American sponsorship. His last stop was Keene, N. H., Mr. Joyal's home town.

Taking time out from apartment hunting, Mr. Joyal gave the highlights of his journey for this **Acorn** exclusive.

Cambodia, formerly part of Indo-China, received independence from France seven years ago. While a protectorate the country had been prevented from educating its people in the native Khmer (language). As the spirit of nationalism gave an upward surge for education, the chief of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, promised tuition, board, and room free to all who desired to become teachers.

The Teacher Training Institute was built by the United States. Mr. Joyal was sent to Cambodia by the Unitarian Service Committee Inc. of Boston, which is under contract to the U. S. International Cooperation Administration. As Education Consultant for the Cambodian Ministry of Education, it was Mr. Joyal's job to see that the curriculum of the Institute was adequate to meet the needs of teachers in rural areas. French, being the medium of exchange, was a "must." "It was not easy to teach Child and Adolescent Psychology in French," recalled Mr. Joyal. "I did learn the basic vocabulary of Khmer, but this language, originating from old Sanskrit, has not a vocabulary for any of the sciences. They claim it knows only the science of love!"

"I conducted workshops," he continued, "until 11:30 in the eve-

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## Social Season Resumes Tonight

September 21 has arrived. This evening the upperclassmen will formally greet the freshmen. An excellent 4-piece combo will beat out the music for the traditional "Welcome Freshman" Dance. The school gym will provide the background. Refreshments will keep up the strength of one and all. Let us all turn out tonight to welcome the newcomers to our fine institution and start the school year swinging.

## LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM INAUGURATED

**JOHN F. MONFREDA**
**of the Acorn Staff**

Worcester State College has started a liberal arts program this semester for the first time in its eighty eight year history. Until this fall, Worcester State College as well as all Massachusetts state colleges provided only training for elementary and secondary teachers.

Approximately 56 freshmen out of a class of 308 are enrolled in the liberal arts program.

Although the intention of the program is eventually to offer majors in several subjects, in 1962 the bachelor of arts program will consist of four major programs only: a major in English, history, social studies, or French. Students who choose a liberal arts major must also take an education minor, so teaching will remain the main emphasis. These students, members of the class of 1966, must graduate with a minor in education, although they will not necessarily take the usual fifteen week course of practice teaching. They will be required to take only nine weeks of practice teaching.

**Purpose of Program**

The addition of liberal arts to the state college has two purposes.

It follows the trend in teacher training which de-emphasizes programs with pure education courses and a few subject courses. Instead, teachers across the country are switching to programs which emphasize the subjects an instructor will have to teach, rather than how he should teach it.

The second purpose is eventually to provide a full range of liberal arts majors, including the sciences, mathematics, languages,

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**WIDESPREAD REPRESENTATION. These freshmen represent five different towns. (l.-r.) Benard Sherry, Southbridge; Carolyn Cupit, Westboro; Diane Counoyer, New Bedford; Ann Cunniff, Milford; and Robert**

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## HAVE YOU THE "LACK OF SPIRIT DISEASE?"

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself—am I really getting enough out of college? If you have asked this question and have answered it truthfully, I'm afraid many of you have been disappointed in your answer. Most of us here at College, simply commute to classes every day, and then go back home right after the last class. Your college life stops just as soon as the last bell sounds. Perhaps many of you complain and say that college doesn't offer you any good activities in which to participate. You say that there are no interesting extracurricular areas for you. This is the beginning of the "lack of spirit disease" which has plagued our College for many years. Yes, it is a disease, and a very contagious one. The upperclassmen always have had a bad case of it, and it passes down to the underclassmen in no time.

Many freshmen come to Worcester State full of enthusiasm and new ideas, but because there is this disease around, by the time they are Sophomores, they have lost all their spirit. Complaining about lack of a well-rounded college life continues, but no one really tries to find out what activities **are sponsored,** and what can be done to improve campus life. Even when activities are held, many times the participation is nil.

**Now is the time for us to stop complaining and start doing something to improve our College.** We want a college that we can be proud to belong to, **one with spirit,** a place with **every** member doing his part to make our College the best. Last year, a revolution started here. For the first time, the contagious disease began to lose victims. Our upperclassmen were filled with new vigor and hope, and this College began to operate on a greater student participation basis. The Sophomore Class won the All College Week Skit; they also won the Winter Carnival, with the Juniors only a point behind; and at the basketball games, the leaders in attendance were the Seniors.

One of the reasons behind this surge of spirit, was the College newspaper, the "Acorn." The "Acorn" grew last year into a fine, informative newspaper. The dates for activities were published way in advance, and write-ups were done on the different clubs to keep the students better informed. The issues were longer, and covered a greater field of subjects. This year, we have many new ideas, and we hope the newspaper will play an even greater role in keeping up college spirit. The "Acorn" is your newspaper; it is printed for you to read and enjoy. It's main purpose is to keep you informed of the happenings at College, and to provide interesting articles for you to read **and** remember. You are free at any time to submit material that you have written to be published. You may write for the literary page, a letter to the editor, or any such article of this kind. We **can** have a strong newspaper and a strong college spirit, but only if **you** help. College spirit does not consist of your class president standing before you and pleading with you to support college activities, while you just sit there half listening. College spirit is not closed off to class and club officers, but it is **you! You are the backbone of the college, and it is you who should be proud of your college.** It is you who should take an active part in what your College does. Last year's revolution was a slow moving one, but this year we **will** move further. We have made it over the first and toughest hurdle, and we won't stop here. If you have an idea for an activity for a club or class to sponsor, and you don't know who to tell, drop it into the "Acorn" suggestion box which will be in Room 26. Make suggestions, **read** the "Acorn", and support your college activities. If you will do these three things, our college spirit will grow, and we will be proud of our College. Changing President Kennedy s statement around a bit—**Ask** not what your **College** can do for you, but **rather** what **you** can do for your College!

ANNE-MARIE BERNIER.

## APPLY TALENTS – BE VERSATILE– ESTABLISH ASSIDUOUS ATTITUDES"

The school season is in full swing again. The predominant atmosphere among those returning to the college is that of vim, vigor, and motivation. But as for the Freshmen the feelings are a mixture of timidity, shock, and trepidness in the thought of the wrath to come. To these people "our dear" Freshmen we welcome you with words of wisdom.

"Whatever the reason, you have made the decision to attend Worcester State College. This decision has brought you into an environment which is primarily concerned with the education of teachers. And since we believe that 'experience is the only teacher' we encourage you to apply the talents you have to all the opportunities given you. There are an overwhelming number of campus activities offered by clubs and we hope you will participate in those areas in which you have a genuine interest. We are not advocating that you become an 'activities major' sacrificing your studies for an extra class, but 'then again' all work makes Emoe a dull boy.

A new world will encompass you. There will be new influences in your life, new friendships to form and new ideas and attitudes to meet. This is the time when we encourage you to be versatile. Don't be a run of the mill and just go to Worcester State College, but rather have an assiduous attitude in major matters and maintain a name that will be respected in any conversation."

Mike Mulcahy

Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; you may kick it about all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening.

A good motorist should continue the practice of his childhood and approach the schoolhouse slowly.

**Sun, Hummelstown, Pa.**

**LIGHT ASSIGNMENT. Freshman Ronald Heinricksen hopes that his schedule won't call for quite these many books. (See story below)**

# WHICH WAY TO THE ESCALATOR?

**ANNE-MARIE BERNIER**
**of the Acorn Staff**

He peered very cautiously around the corner. Then very slowly he ventured out; books piled up to his chin, with his class schedule held tightly between his teeth. All of a sudden a loud piercing sound was heard; he jumped to attention and — crash—his math book, psychology, biology, English, hygiene, and anatomy books went in all directions. He looked sheepishly around and managed an agonizing smile. The piercing sound was only the bell signaling students to their first class. As he picked up his books and carefully placed them in order—math, psychology, biology, etc., he wondered if he would ever get through this day.

Finally, all the books were piled in order, and schedule in teeth, he proceeded towards his first class, math. (The product of x plus y times z divided by s, etc.)—wow what a course! And so the morning continued, psy. and then biology—oh those frogs! Ah, lunchtime, wonderful lunch —I'll have this and this and this.

After lunch, our eager student gathered his books together, put his schedule back in his teeth, and then awkwardly tried to read the schedule to find out where his next class was. English 33A—Oh, oh — where does this "A" business come from? Our poor friend was baffled, then he thought he saw someone who was in his class this morning, he was saved. Naturally, our friend didn't want to seem too ignorant of college ways, so he promptly threw his shoulders back and followed the student, with an air so knowing and sure that no one could suspect that he had no idea where he was going.

Up one flight of stairs and then another, and then still another. When he reached the top of the last flight of stairs, he saw many high benches and stools. He checked his schedule — English 33A—this room certainly did not look anything like an English room. They said college was going to be different, but no one had said that the furniture would also be different. He took a seat and tried to look as inconspicuous as possible. Students began to arrive, and none of them looked familiar. Finally, he bolstered enough courage to ask where he was. When he found out that he was in the art room and **not** 33A, he grinned his sheepish grin again, murmured a shaky thank you, gathered up his stack of

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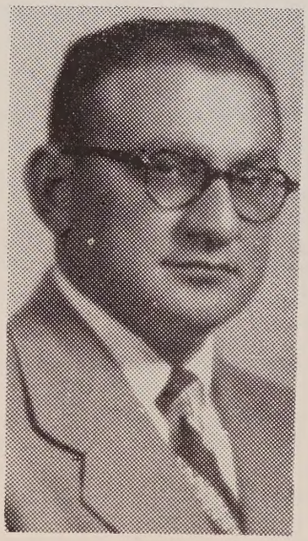
# BEAT

Well September is here again. All the incoming freshmen are eager to start studying and all the returning upperclassmen are eager to . . . well just eager. The **Acorn** under new leadership will move forward by leaps and bounds. The upperclass boys have already given the freshmen girls the once over . . . Anyone interested about the Seattle World's Fair speak to Mr. Gould about it. Three weeks ago he was there . . . **Return of the Native Dept.:** Welcome back Mr. Joyal . . . Quotable quote: "Flattery is telling the other man precisely what he thinks about himself." The Sophs are busy planning the Welcome Freshmen Dance which will officially start the social season at Worcester State . . . The youngest member of the Freshmen class is **Carol Perry**, she won't be seventeen until Nov. 7 . . . **Junior Sandra Lotti and Sophomore Maureen Reynolds have something in common—both had that kissing disease, Mono** . . . Members of the



**MR. JOSEPHS**

college choir will do more skits since the huge success of "Little Tin Box." The WSC beach set will be sporting a tan until November. Hyannis is the summer headquarters of the President of the United States and of the Worcester State you know what crowd . . . Five members of the freshmen class worked as lifeguards during the summer time: **Virginia** "camera shy" **Laramee, Mary Ann DiGiannantonio, Ruth Ann Breen,** her sister is Terry Breen 1961 Student Council President, **Diane Henderson,** and **Paul Johi** . . . Co-editor Mike Mulcahy says there's nothing like married life even if he has to wait two hours for Kathy to cook supper . . . "It'll be nice to get through September. Usually by the end of the month, you have visited with most of the friends who think they took interesting vacation trips." . . . **Mr. Joseph,** the new handwriting professor will conduct a night course for college profs who could use a little polishing up — right **Mr. Chapman?** . . . Congratulations to Junior Sue Acorn on her engagement . . . We hear that all of Senior Elem. III wish they could have another semester of practice teaching — especially MaryLou Plotczik . . . Personality: the name we give to our own little collection of funny habits . . . Once again the college is bustling with the campaign for election of freshmen class officers. Freshman John Murray said his favorite hobby is putting his children to bed—John has six goodlooking children . . . The Class of **"64"** will have another first—it will be the first class to have the new college emblem on its class ring . . . The word around the BEAT here is that the Itam Club is hopping . . . Co-editor John Monfredo has finally added swimming to his list of accomplishments . . . Favorite hobby of Bruce Smith (Frosh) is girls—it is also the favorite pastime of many others . . .Junior Ellie Pearsall's hangout on Friday nights is the La Scala Club—we hear you're quite a twister Ellie . . . The wheel was man's greatest invention until she got behind it, right girls? . . . Three juniors Barbara Kirklauskas, Anne-Marie Bernier, and Marilyn McKay were featured in the Evening Gazette this past summer for the jobs that they held—Boy it sure pays to know people at the newspaper . . . Latin students translate this: Doctrina est columen libertatis, Junior class motto "right." . . . Leaving you with this thought: If he who enjoys success did not pay for it, someone else did.

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If a man runs after money, he's money mad; if he keeps it, he's a skinflint; if he spends it, he's a playboy; if he doesn't try to get it, he lacks ambition; and if he accumulates it after a lifetime of hard work, people call him a fool who never got anything out of life.

# CLUB NEWS

# CLUB OFFICERS NAMED FOR NEW YEAR

Clubs wishing to publicize events in the ACORN please leave information in the mailbox of the CLUB EDITOR in room 26 or get in touch with Cynthia Carbone.

**Kappa Delta Pi**

President—Robert McGraw
V. Pres.—Lois Sutherland
Secretary—Barbara Martilla
Treasurer—George Downey
Recorder Historian — Priscilla Hescock
Faculty Advisor—Dr. Elizabeth R. Barlow

**Dramatic Club**

President—Frances Ciccarelli
Vice President—James Grant
Secretary—Paula McGrady
Corresponding Sect. — Louis Cornachioli
Treasurer—Roland Brunelle
Historian—George Da Boul
Social Chairman—Patricia McGrady, Arnold Burke, Wilfred Dufom, Edward Gardella
Faculty Advisor—Miss Kathryn O'Donnell

**Newman Club**

President—James Grant
Vice President — Lois Sutherland
Secretary—Mary Ellen Logan
Treasurer—Joseph Buckley
Faculty Advisor — Dr. Walter Busam
Spiritual Advisor — Reverend Thomas O'Brian

**The Men's Athletic Association**

President—Stephan Kokernak
Vice President—Robert Kulesza
Secretary—George Albro
Treasurer—Fran Joubert
Junior Member—Wallace Moroski
Faculty Advisor—Mr. John P. Mockler

**The Women's Athletic Association**

President—Kathy Burns
Vice President—Nancy Lundstrom
Secretary—Pauline McKeon
Treasurer—Elizabeth Wolanin
Faculty Advisor—Dr. Anne F. Millan

**Science Club**

Officers will be elected this Fall. Faculty Advisor is Mr. Melvin Merkin

**International Relations Club**

President—Richard Ethier
Vice President—John Chiras
Secretary—Anne Abdella
Treasurer—Louis Cornachioli
Stirring Committee—
Soph—Paul Bernard
Junior—Margos Stone
Senior—Earl Erickson
Faculty Advisor—Dr. Francis Jones

**Math Club**

President—Ken Davis
Vice President—David Hebenstreit
Secretary—Janice Lunsden
Treasurer—Joan Hobson
Librarian—Steve Kokernak
Program Rep. — George Cote, Nancy Walker, Linda Johnson.
Faculty Advisor—(to be elected)

**Student Christian Association**

President—Wayne Myers
Vice President—Harold Blaisdell
Secretary—Janet Hilton
Treasurer—Karen Lind
Newsletter Editor—Jean Stead
Worship Chairman—Joy Shoenfeldt
Membership Chairman — Elizabeth Brierly
Faculty Advisor — Dr. Robert Perry
Spiritual Advisor — Reverend Edward Cobden

**Student National Education Association**

President—Virginia Haddad
Vice President—Dorothy Hargrove
Secretary—Mary Carleton
Treasurer—Maureen Holt
Faculty Advisor — Miss Ruth Somers

**French Club**

President—Ronald Dalbec
Vice President—Valerie Erickson
Secretary—Isabelle Sullivan
Treasurer—David Moskal
Social Chairman—Julia Larusso
Faculty Advisor — Dean Marguerite McKelliget

**Association For Childhood Education**

President—Elizabeth Johnson
Vice President—Mary Connolly
Secretary—Jane Fay
Treasurer—Virginia Haddad
Co-Treasurer—Carol Doyle
Social Chairman—Regina Houston, Virginia Sullivan
Faculty Advisor—Miss Madelin A. Wilmarth

**Literary Club**

President—Edmund Guerard
Vice President—Rita Rondeau
Secretary—Carmella D'Elia
Treasurer—Theresa Mulig
Social Chairman—Judith Carpenter
Faculty Advisor — Dr. Elizabeth R. Barlow

**History Club**

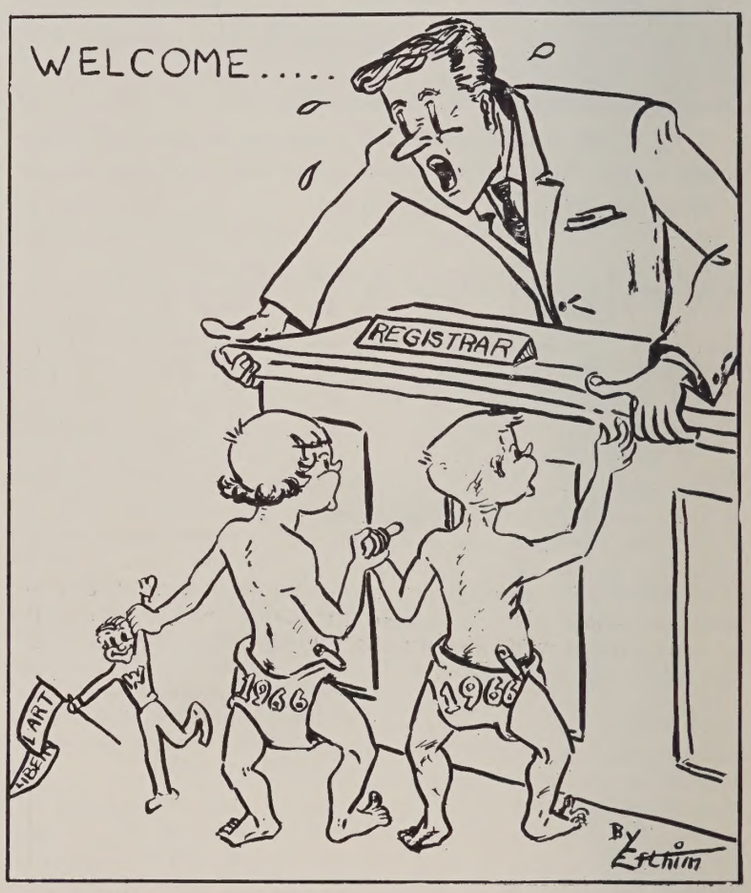
President—Richard Moore
Vice President—Patrick Kelly
Secretary—Robert McGraw
Treasurer—Paul Nieminen
Faculty Advisor — Dr. Francis Wallett

**Choir**

President—Fred Philcox
Vice President—Fred Glodis
Secretary—Gail Nielson
Treasurer—Al Johnson
Librarians — Cynthia Carbone, Isabelle Sullivan
Faculty Advisor—Mr. Thomas H. Carpenter

**Audio Visual Aids Association**

President—Leslie Brevard
Vice President—Robert Browser
Secretary—Stephen Keenan
Faculty Advisor — Mr. Melvin Merken




# ACORN MEETING TODAY ROOM 26

# NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF WSC

**by PETER SAKALOWSKY, JR.**

The academic year 1962 initiates the coming of a new school seal which will for the most part replace the state seal and which will be characteristic of only Worcester State College. Previously the state seal was used for both college and state, serving a dual purpose. However, since several of the other state colleges have their own seals, it was decided that WSC would follow suit. President Eugene Sullivan appointed his assistant, Mr. Joseph A. Minihan, to the task of selecting a seal which would be significant of Worcester State. Mr. Minihan worked for many months with Balfour's designers, designers and manufacturers of rings, until several designs were submitted to and one selected and approved by President Sullivan. The new seal has already been printed on book covers and on gym sweatshirts. The class of 1964 will be privileged to be the first class to have the new seal on its class ring. In the future the college seal along with the Lancer will be the symbol of WSC.

# County Students Compose 51%

Approximately 308 freshmen entered WSC on September 5, pushing the total enrollment of the school to 1037. Also, in keeping with the 15 to 1 ratio of students to faculty, WSC now has 68 faculty members.

In this year's freshman class, it is found that WSC has become more popular with county students than city. **For the first time county students compose more than half of the freshman class with 51%.** The graduates of high schools of Worcester have been declining yearly. In 1960 the freshman class had 57% from Worcester high schools, and in 1961 there were 52%.

The breakdown of this year's freshman class and the Worcester high schools they attended shows that North High leads by a wide margin. Classical High and St. Peter's Catholic High rank second. Third are South High and Commerce High with St. John's Preparatory School and Ascension High not far behind. The other high schools from Worcester which contributed very small amounts are: Sacred Heart Academy, St. Stephen's High Notre Dame Academy, Venerini, Holy Name, and Worcester Academy.

# JOYAL

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ning in small paiottes — shacks made of palm leaves and built on stilts. Here dirty kerosene lamps guided our pencils on any type of paper available. No Cambodian teacher has more than 10 years of educational background, but daily he tries to obtain books—even if they must be stolen—to grow in learning."

Cambodia, though smaller than Texas, has a population of 5 million. The country has **10** medical doctors, **5** dentists, and 300 teachers. The first college was opened last year to begin training doctors and lawyers. The students will complete their education in France. The U. S., U. S. S. R., Red China, and Germany are each building a technical and engineering institute—each vying to have the better building and equipment. At the present Russia is way ahead in the race.

Mr. Joyal visited every Cambodian province, "whether in the tiger country, wild elephant areas, or provincial Phnom Penk, the capital." He recalls the climate as being torrid, with 7 months of dry, hot weather and 5 months of rain and heat. The intermittent rain occurs several times daily for 20 minutes to an hour and is followed by temperatures ranging from 80 to 100 degrees.

During his last 6 months in Cambodia, Mr. Joyal was the official advisor in education for the Cambodian military at the request of Brigadier General Scherer, Chief of the U. S. Military Advisory Assistance Group. This granted him the unique privilege of being the first and only American to teach in the Cambodian "West Point," administered by the French Military.

Another great honor bestowed upon Mr. Joyal was that of being the only American interpreter at the 6th International World Fellowship Buddhist Conference, held in a beautiful building built by the U. S. A. He did simultaneous English - French and French - English translations. Every Buddhist country in the world (including the U. S.) except Taiwan was represented. The religious conference turned into a political football, with the Communist bloc prevailing. Mr. Joyal continued the story: "At the end of the ten days, His Royal Highness invited the interpreters and translators to a banquet at the Royal Palace. He taught us the official Khmer dance. We in turn taught him—you guessed it—the 'Twist!' An official royal proclamation was issued that all Cambodian teenagers must learn the 'Twist' as a form of physical exercise. The Prince paid two scholarships for two Cambodians to go to the Philippines and become masters of twisting."

"It's great to be back," concluded Mr. Joyal, "but not easy to rise to the sophistication of our college education. It's strange to wear shoes and trousers instead of a sarong and Japanese rubber sandals. My only rebuke came from President Sullivan because I did not bring back a native wife!"

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Give a man enough rope and he skips; give a woman enough rope and she makes a marriage knot.

# W.A.A. Activities In Full Swing

The Women's Athletic Association would like to welcome everyone back from a summer of leisure? ? ? We also wish to extend a hearty welcome to the members of the class of '66. Glad to have you with us.

Although the W.A.A. fall activities are already in full swing, we might mention that bowling is being held on Fridays third hour at the Colonial Alleys for all women who do not have other commitments. Bowling will continue until November 30th. Another activity which the W.A.A. is sponsoring is swimming at the Winthrop House Girls' Club. The women participating in this activity are able to recapture the spirit of summer all the way through November. An added attraction this semester is Life Saving which is being offered Tuesday evenings at the Girls' Club. Next semester we will offer courses for Water Safety Instructors. You need NO experience to participate in W.A.A., the activities are purely recreational and provide respite from the routine of school and studying. **You** would enjoy W.A.A. activities.

Be sure to watch the Club and Physical Education bulletin boards for future announcements.

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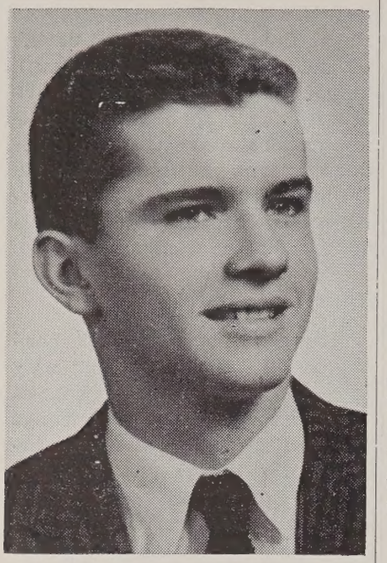
"The Countryman's Year"

The Russians forge ahead of us in yet another field. They seem to have solved the problem of how not to produce too much food.

**Bill Vaughan**



DON CUSHING

## Accurate Shooter + Agile Rebounder = Primed Ballplayer

by MIKE MULCAHY
of the Acorn Staff

Among the 308 incoming Freshmen is the towering, big smiling, prospective figure of Don Cushing who not only can handle the books, but knows how to manipulate on a basketball court. Don, a "61" product of Classical High, began playing ball in his Junior year. He didn't develop into a scorer immediately, but during his senior year he was able to maintain a 13 point average. One of Don's better nights was performed in a one point upset against a heavily favored St. Stephens. In this highlight of the Tiger's season, "Cush" surprised the opposition with agile rebounding accompanied by accurate jump shots. In summers of his Junior and Senior years Don increased his basketball "know how" in the Holland Rink Park's League.

After high school Cushing was spotted by Ionic Avenue's monitor, Charlie Bunker. Concluding two months of pre-season practice, Mr. Bunker tried Cushing on the starting team which consisted of various high school graduates throughout the city. From the start Cushing was dependable in landing all types of left handers which accredited him with an 18 point game average.

Don joined the National Guard and was off to Fort Dix when Ionic closed their 20-2 season last March. At Dix he joined the 4th Training Regiment Basketball Team and was a major factor in winning the Regiment Tournament.

This year at Worcester State Don's hopes are to play for another winning ball club, the Lancers. With Steve Kokernak as the nucleus the Lancers should again take the New England Conference Championship. The only problem facing Don is the fact that there will be competition from J. V. men such as Joseph Davenport, Robert McNamara, Timothy Murphy, James Powers, Dan Masterson, Dick Lamonth and Joseph Montimuro. The regulars consisting of George Melican, Bob Kulesza, George Albro, Thomas Collins, and Walter Moroski will have to play their "best ball" if they want to remain in the basketball spotlight.

## Predicts Frosh Dance To Be Successful

by DIONYSUIS S. O'TERICK
Acorn Staff Clairvoyant

Some of our predictions will be right this year . . . This year will be the greatest yet regarding social life and school improvements . . . The Lancers will go on to win the New England basketball championship again . . . Frosh Donna Glynn will meet someone new every day—males of course . . . Frosh will turn out to be the most spirited class in the college . . . Sophomore Pauline Query will make history at W.S.C. as the first person to contract a hernia as a result of Phys. Ed. . . . Sophomore Carlo Baldino will stop complaining about his schedule . . . Larger Baseball caps are due this season in order to accommodate semi-pro players . . . Junior Joe Davenport will keep the girls swooning . . . The Welcome freshmen dance will be the greatest in its history . . . Freshman Mary McGuinness will start her own pizza stand . . . The **Acorn** is part of the new look . . . Junior Elem. III will be the most studious section at the college? ? . . . Footprints on the wall are going to be smaller . . . Freshman Carolyn Paquette F-7 will be 18 today . . . There will be no talking in the library this year . . . Junior Elem. Marilyn Zack will leave for Oregon State second semester . . . The student lounge will be kept clean by the smokers this year . . . Freshmen Walter Grocki, Nancy Mattus, James Visbeck, and Bob Lirange will start the first chess club in the history of the college . . . The new building will break ground in November . . . Junior Sandy Banks will once again flash her million dollar smile through the corridors of the college . . . The Acorn will be read by all . . . Junior John Pakula will be seen more in the cafeteria this year . . . Senior Herb Morrill will make the Student Council a stronger organization . . . Junior Georgiana Ridick will set a record for going the longest distance with a bowling ball.

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books, and schedule in teeth, he hurried out of the room and down the stairs.

All of a sudden, there it was again — that awful sound — the bell. He knew he was going to be late and since there was no familiar face around, he resigned himself to the fact that he was going to have to ask someone for directions. The only person around was an upperclassman, who upon hearing our friend's question, decided to have some fun. Why yes, 33A, you go down the front steps and cross the street and go into the Junior High, he told our friend. The College holds some of its courses there. Now ordinarily, our friend would have realized that something was fishy, but he was so confused, that any kind of direction sounded logical to him. As he headed for the front door, luck was with him, he passed some of his classmates who knew where the class was, and they persuaded him that the upperclassman was only having some fun.

English class all over, he followed his classmates to hygiene. (The proper way to groom oneself is to first, etc.,) He decided that hygiene was not to be one of his favorite courses, and immediately began to wonder what his last course of the day, Anatomy, was going to be like. After hygiene ended, our friend packed his gear and made his way towards the Anatomy room. (The word Anatomy comes from the Latin, **ana** meaning body, and **tomy** meaning to cut—hence we have anatomy, the study of the different parts of the body and how they work.) And so the class continued with a discussion on cells and how they work.

The end of the day had been reached, and our "friend", who incidently is a freshman, had survived it in one piece.

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literature and the arts, at all Massachusetts state colleges.

The speed of progress of the switch-over to liberal arts in the state colleges depends on the legislature's willingness to appropriate funds for professors and buildings.

Last year the General Court approved a $2,854,000 appropriation for a combined classroom, auditorium, and laboratory building at Worcester State.

According to President Sullivan, the final plans for the structure are being drawn by Boston architect John Gray. He added that construction of the building should begin in late fall.

**NEW FROSH. Passing lull in classes are freshmen (from l.-r.) Mary-Ellen Plotczyk, Helen Odabashian, Marilyn Polita, Elaine Yuknavich, Nancy Rainis, and Carol Perry.**

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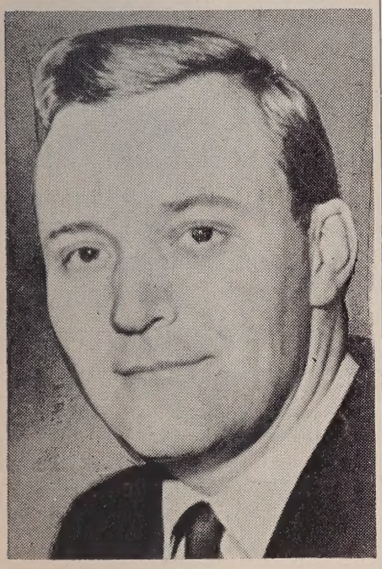

ANTHONY WEDGEWOOD BENN

## "Reluctant Peer" Speaks Today—

Anthony Wedgewood Benn, M.P. England's "reluctant peer" will be the guest speaker at the college assembly program today. Vogue magazine describes him as, "A brilliant young British politician who was elected to Parliament at twenty-five. He has a fast-racing mind, an uncontrived wittiness and is undoubtedly a man to watch.

Mr. Benn has been making headlines this year since his announcement that he wishes to renounce his hereditary title of Viscount Stansgate, and his right to sit in the English Parliament in the House of Lords. He has been battling to remain just Mr. Benn, M.P. in the House of Commons, to which he has been elected four times.

Being in the news is nothing new to Mr. Benn. He has been making headlines in England ever since he was elected to Parlia-

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## Capping Climaxes All College Week

## Seniors Honored

by JOAN TETRAULT
of the Acorn Staff

Gray skies and muddy grounds failed to dampen the spirits of Seniors as they donned their academic gowns for Capping Ceremonies. Parents, husbands and wives, and friends (such as our "compulsory friends" — the Juniors and Sophomores) saw the Class of 1963 file into the gymnasium to "Pomp and Circumstance" on Friday afternoon, October 5.

The audience was greeted by Ken Davis, class president, who in turn introduced President Eugene Sullivan. President Sullivan explained the history and significance of the ceremony, which dates back to the times of medieval universities. The capping ceremony, he explained, has lost much of the elaborate ritual which accompanied the original programs, but still retains its significance as a recognition of accomplishment.

The presentation of roses to presidents and representatives of underclassmen served to exemplify the appreciation Seniors have of the student body. Recognition of appreciation was also given to Mr. Thomas Carpenter for the sincerity and enthusiasm with which he has given so much of his time and energy to our class during the past three years. He was presented with a gold engraved invitation to the ceremony.

**Senior Tea**

A beautifully prepared tea was held in the student lounge following capping. Seniors introduced guests to the members of the

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**SENIOR OFFICERS — Senior class officers at Worcester State College are, from left, Charles E. Lemaitre, treasurer; Carolyn M. Gendron, secretary; Kenneth W. Davis, president; and Stephen H. Kokernak, vice president.**

## Third Successive Year

This year Worcester State College has seen three "firsts." It is the first year of a liberal arts program at the College, the first year of use for our new College seal, and the first year that any class has won the All College Week skit three years in a row. Three weeks ago, this festive week began, with everyone's attention focused on the presentation of each class with its skit. As evidence of the great spirit of the Senior Class, they presented a skit on "Nature." This was a surprise for everyone, since traditionally, this has been the week for the Seniors to sit back and be entertained. The Seniors have set a new precedent which perhaps will be continued by future graduating classes.

The Sophomores presented an original skit about a "little ole doll-maker," who made true-to-life dolls for all occasions. Excellent personifications of Fresh-

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## BULLETIN

### Frosh Election Results

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## MAY THE BEST MAN WIN

The past few weeks have been a busy time for you freshmen with the task of nominating and the climactic moments of electing the students whom you wish to have represent you as class officers. It was only after careful thought and deliberation, that your vote could have been cast wisely.

Remember the best brick wall is laid upon a sturdy foundation, and this foundation is best established by the class in its freshman year. This task is primarily for your representatives, for they must unite you in one solid group, as well as make the decisions for you as individuals and as a class.

Voting time should not have been a popularity contest but a time to select dedicated, intelligent, and mature individuals to lead your class. Only by nominating many people for each office were you able to have a wide variety from which to choose your best officers.

In just the few short weeks that you have been at Worcester State we have seen your fine spirit in academic and social response to the college. You have many hard-working and devoted classmates who would have made great officers, and we trust that your choices have been the correct ones.

BERT GOODRICH

## UNITED WE STAND

"I graduated from Worcester State . . ."

How many times do we, the present day students, hear this statement? The speaker is often a teacher in one of the local schools, or he may be a business or a political office holder. It becomes apparent to us, in associating with the alumnus, that the graduate has a deep respect and love for his alma mater. A respect and love that was kindled in student days and has since grown. The reasons for this feeling may vary but they all boil down to having retained "school spirit."

An occasion may arise where our own "school spirit" may be taxed. This is the time we undoubtedly prove that we do not lack the "esprit de corps." Even though we collegiates do not openly voice this feeling, we show it in our activities. A good example of "esprit" is the college choir. When the time comes for an outside concert, 95 percent of the singers can be counted on to be present. Many have had to take a day off from work, and lose an evening of study in order to attend.

A very recent example of the spirit of each class, for the school, can be seen in the vote for a standard ring. Under the guise of furthering school spirit, all classes voted about 98 percent in favor of one style ring. Undeniably, this is an expression of deep affection for these hallowed walls on Chandler Street.

In my opinion, statements to the effect that we students are lacking school spirit are baseless. School activities on the social side are always well attended. How often have we come to the aid of a fellow student in need? Last year during the basketball play-offs for the New England Championship, everywhere we went, the conversation touched upon "our" team.

Every achievement of a student or a group of students makes us stand tall—bursting with pride. We do have a positive feeling for Worcester State, and one we undoubtedly will also note with pride "I graduated from Worcester State College."

ROGER CHOQUETTE

## DATES TO CIRCLE

Oct. 19—Assembly Group "A" Anthony Wedgewood Benn "Report from Britain"

Oct. 24—Cross-Country Meet; Assumption—Home

Oct. 26—Club Meetings

Oct. 27—Student Christian Association Hayride

Oct. 31—Cross-Country Meet; Worc. Junior—Away

Nov. 2—Assembly Group "B" First Aid Program, Mr. Roy Laramie, Speaker

Nov. 9—Assembly Group "A" Veterans Day Program
Cross-Country Meet; Holy Cross—Away

Nov. 16—Club Meetings

Nov. 30—Assembly Group "B" "Background to the News," Geoffrey Harwood, Speaker

Nov. 30—Junior Prom

Nov. 30—A. C. E. Christmas Fair, 8:30-4:30, G22

## WAS IT WORTH IT?

A price tag is found on every frame
Of man's domain and deeds of shame,
From the smallest pin to the highest pleasure
Money counts and money measures.
Each day a price climbs faster
From a smaller realm to the vaster,
Until it marks an equal—a friend
But sometimes not even there does it end.
The tag passes from one to another
Who indignately puts it on his brother,
To attain a symbol of prestige or love,
But what's the price placed from above?

Helen Leone

FRAN JOUBERT

# Joubert Named Baseball Captain

Fran Joubert, a three-year veteran of the diamond, has been chosen by Coach John Mochler as captain of the 1963 Worcester State baseball squad. Fran has been an outstanding infielder and tremendous hitter for the Lancer baseball teams of the past three years. He has fielded very well at both shortstop and second base and his hitting has been nothing short of fantastic. During his freshman year he compiled a .371 batting average, followed by a spectacular .469 BA for his sophomore year, and just last year he pounded the cowhide for a .386 average.

Fran is considered small by most baseball standards, standing 5' 7" and weighing approximately 105 lbs; but what he lacks in size he makes up with an overabundance of enthusiasm, determination, aggressiveness, fight, and plenty of hustle. He is always ready to help a teammate regardless of the situation. In the words of Coach Mockler, "Franny is an outstanding and capable ballplayer and I'm sure that he will not only make a very fine captain, but will be an inspiration to the younger ball players on the squad." Fran's character can be further substantiated since he is a member of the Student Council and Treasurer of the M.A.A.

Fran is only one of six regulars who will return to Coach Mockler next spring. His brother Dick, Dick Lamothe, Kevin Lyons, Dick Clifford and Carl Baldino are returning lettermen.

Congratulations Fran, and good luck to you and your squad next spring.

# Junior Prom Date Set

November 30th. Mark it down on your calendar! It's important! This is the date set for this year's installment of the junior prom. At this writing, definite plans pertaining to the type of theme to be used were incomplete. Famous for their use of a Winter theme and a Dutch theme for past proms, everyone is wondering what the "Class of 64" will come up with now.

# Cross-Country Team Defeats Nichols

The Worcester State College cross - country team opened its season two weeks ago in an auspicious manner as they defeated Nichols College of Dudley, Mass. 25-32.

It was strictly a team victory as the Lancers placed six men in the top ten spots. Wally Moroski finished second followed by Ed Fontaine and Dave Hall, 3rd and 4th respectively. Seventh, ninth, and tenth slots were taken by Dermot Shea, Joe Montimurro, and Bill Lynch.

# Track Team Schedules Meets

Ed Fontaine, Jr. Sec. II, will lead the first official Worcester State College cross-country team assembled at the college. Ed, way back in 1960, began a cross-country squad which unofficially ran a few meets using the school name. However, this year, he has the complete backing and full support of the physical education dept. and the administration. As a consequence, the Lancer squad will participate in sanctioned, intercollegiate cross-country meets with such top flight colleges as Holy Cross, Assumption, and Nichols. An infant sport on the State campus, it has already accomplished something that the basketball and baseball teams have strived for, namely, intercollegiate games with Clark, Worcester Tech, and other larger colleges. Perhaps the cross-country team will set a precedence and these same schools will eventually be added to the rest of the sports schedule.

Members of the 1962 squad who will proudly display the brand new, spanking gold uniforms with blue trimming will be seniors Mike Mulcahy and Steve Kokernak, the 1962-63 basketball captains. Juniors Ron La France, Bill Lynch, and Fontaine round out the upper class members. Much is expected of sophomores Wally Moroski and Joe Montimurro, both of whom play basketball, plus Tom Bostock and Dermot Shea. Dave Hall, the only freshman member of the squad, is tabbed by Capt. Fontaine as an outstanding prospect.

All in all, the team is a young team and this season as well as the future looks bright. Congratulations, Ed, and the very best of luck to you and your team in future meets.

**SCHEDULE**

Oct. 8 —Nichols, Away
Oct. 10—Assumption, Away
Oct. 15—Nichols, Home
Oct. 18—Worc. Jr. College, Home
Oct. 20—New England State College Championship at Bridgewater
Oct. 24—Assumption, Home
Oct. 31—Worc. Jr. College, Away
Nov. 9 —Holy Cross, Away

# SKIT

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men, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors were made by the "dolls" Included as an added attraction was the smug "man about campus" doll who was the idol of every co-ed. The Freshman Skit was a colorful musical about a frustrated freshman who visits a psychologist looking for help in adjusting to college life and the upperclassmen. They dedicated their skit to the Seniors, with songs and dances written especially to honor them.

The Junior Class witnessed another triumphant skit victory with its presentation of "What's Perplexing Georgeous George?" This skit starred "GEORGE," a high school graduate reluctant to attend a college. Finally, after being rejected by the Navy, the most honorable "garbage" profession, and most important, his girl, George decided he needed a college degree. Naturally, he chose Worcester State College to further his education.

The skits of the 1962 All College Week were all so interesting and well-presented, that it must have been hard for the Student Council judges to pick a winner. Along with recognition of the Juniors as winners, credit should be given to all the classes for their spirited contributions which helped make this year's College Week a week to remember.

# SPEAKER

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ment in 1950, at the age of 25, the youngest member of Parliament in more than a decade. Affiliated with the Labour party since that time, he has been active in the government ever since.

In recent years the "Viscount" has attained membership in Labour's "Shadow Cabinet" in the House of Commons, and to the National Committee of the Labour Party. In Parliament Mr. Benn has been influential in shaping British Foreign Policy, especially in relation to the United Nations and the Afro-Asian World.

Mr. Benn is an outstanding speaker and debater, and is quite frequently a radio and television broadcaster on Public Affairs programs for the British Broadcasting System. He is Chairman of the Labour Party Broadcasting Committee which is responsible for all English political programs and election telecasts.

Mr. Benn has been a regular visitor to the United States and is married to a girl from Cincinnati. He has been eminently successful on the lecture platform here, as well as in Germany, France and Britain.

We of Worcester State College can consider ourselves very fortunate to have the privilege of having a man of Mr. Benn's caliber as a guest speaker.

# SOPHOMORES OPEN SOCIAL SEASON

The 1962 social season of Worcester State College was officially and successfully opened September 21 at the Welcome Freshmen Dance. Sponsored by the sophomore class to help the freshmen to become acquainted with the upperclassmen; the dance is an annual affair.

Entirely favorable comments were heard in the corridors of Worcester State College on the Monday following the dance. These statements were not only passed by freshmen, but also by members of the other classes. More juniors and seniors than ever before were in attendance.

Lucille Chestnut and Geraldine Kidderis, social chairmen of the sophomore class, were in charge of appointing the various committees. Chaperones consisted of members of the faculty and their escorts.

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# Juniors To Present "Midnight In Manhattan" Tonight!

by JANE MAHONEY

All those who are ecstatic because they did not have physical education today can thank the Junior class. As you are reading this page, the Juniors are busily working in the gym, putting the finishing touches on the setting of their major social event of the year — the Junior Prom. A gleaming night, with the music of Jerry Haydeen, will bring a note of glamour and sophistication to the Prom.

Something new was added this year to make the Prom a little more special. Formal invitations to attend the Prom were printed and given to any student who wished to have one. Thus, those who wished to send an invitation to anyone, could, without having to telephone or ask in person. The invitations were designed and written by Elizabeth Lurkey, with the help of Ann McGreevy. There were many varied committees, each working on a part of the Prom so that it would run smoothly. Sandy Lotti headed the Mural Committee, Geraldine Lekstrom the Table centerpieces, Karen Lind the Dance Orders, Patty Sullivan the Floor

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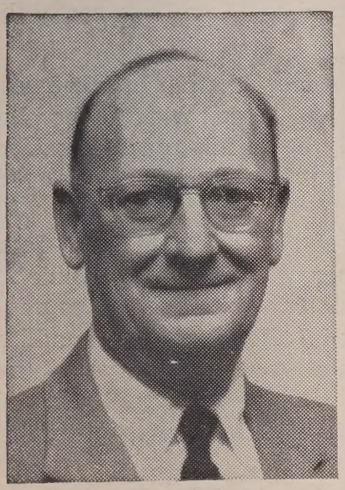

GEOFFREY HARWOOD

## Newscaster Harwood Speaks Today

The college is very fortunate, during this period of world crisis and international tension, to have as guest speaker a man who has made news his business.

Geoffrey Harwood was born and educated in England, however, after visiting the United States he decided to make it his permanent home. Here he has made a career of writing, lecturing, and broadcasting.

Mr. Harwood has written and published two novels as well as many short stories. His career in radio began with Station WHN in New York. Since then he has held the position of news analyst for WBZ in Boston and KING-TV in Seattle. He is now News Director for WEZE in Boston, and also broadcasts from that station a program of international, national, and local news entitled "Background to the News."

During his career Geoffrey Harwood has traveled widely and has interviewed important people in all walks of life, among them—His Majesty Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia; George Meany, President of the A.F.L.-

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**FRESHMEN OFFICERS. Freshmen class officers recently elected are from left: Mary Ellen Plotczyk, Janice Hokanson, Social Chairmen; Donna Abbruzzese, Secretary; Joseph Paulukonis, Treasurer; Richard Bernier, Vice-President; Terence Fitzgerald, President.**

## Music In The Corridors

by ANNE-MARIE BERNIER
of the Acorn Staff

If you have passed by the Music Room on Wednesdays, third period, you have undoubtedly heard the sound of Christmas Carols. The choir, under Mr. Carpenter's direction, has been practicing Christmas songs for about a month now. One Wednesday, the entire choir went into the corridors to rehearse one of their songs. Unfortunately, they chose a time when classes were about to begin, and soon students began to appear. As the students squeezed through the choir members trying to get down the hall, there were many odd expressions on their faces. No one said anything, but their faces seem to say, "Oh well, this must be the way all musical people behave."

All this preparation of Christmas Carols has been in preparation for the Choirs' first performance this year—the Christmas Concert. This concert is one of the few times when the entire student body assembles in the gym to celebrate Christmas—a little early, but together. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors have throughout the years been inspired by the beautiful songs the choir sings at this special concert.

This year the choir plans to sing many new songs. Some of the selections include, "Ding, Dong Merrily On High", "The Christmas Symbol," and "Oh Sanctissima", as well as the traditional "Silent Night" and "Away In A Manger". The Christmas Season is a joyous and festive time of the year, and the choir has put

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## Why Do Students Abuse Library Rules?

We are supposedly living in a democratic society in an atmosphere of intelligent adults. We have been given many privileges as students of a state college. **Why is it that we abuse these privileges and have no respect for the few and lenient rules set up for us?**

A specific example of this abuse of rules is happening every day in our school library. We as students seem to have no respect for the services and conveniences offered. Our library attempts to maintain a system which is most convenient for the student, but how is this service appreciated? It is completely disregarded! Students think nothing of not signing the books out of the library. Also many that are signed out with a specific "return date" stamped on their card are seldom returned on this date.

The most outstanding problem at hand is the irresponsible use of the magazines. Because of the slackness with which the students treat these rules, the library has difficulty in retaining the current issues of especially the professional educational magazines.

The result of all this abuse and disrespect for rules is very sad. How can these books and magazines be replaced? Many books have gone out of print. Also, who is being hurt by this? — The student, of course! It is very irritating to discover that there are no books left on the library shelves for your assignment.

Our library cannot operate very long with a system such as this. The students have abused their freedom, and something must be done. Already the magazines are stored in a locked periodical room. Also there is a Student Library committee being organized in order to decide and take steps concerning the abuse of our library. Should there be fines and Pinkerton Men to check each and every student as he leaves the library? Is this the only way the students will obey the rules?

The library staff is making a tremendous effort in trying to maintain a well organized and fully equipped college library, but the largest effort must come from the students themselves. The success of our library is dependent upon **YOU** and your respect for the privileges given to you. Let's try to maintain this atmosphere of intelligent adults in a democratic society.

**by Pauline McKeon**

## Where Have All The Benches Gone?

What has become of the benches that once occupied the hallways of the main building? The present Freshmen and Sophomores will not remember them, but certainly the Juniors and Seniors do.

They were ordinary, run-of-the-mill benches constructed of hardwood, probably oak, and coated with a wood lacquer. They were not especially beautiful, and they added little culture to our institution, but they did have their good points.

Just picture a hallway of solid geometric design—four walls, doors on the sides and ends, tiled floor, some bulletin boards, and perhaps a water bubbler or two. It looks very drab and uninteresting, doesn't it? Now suppose we add a few benches. They need not be elegant. Suddenly we have life, depth, contrast, and feeling. The straight lines and abrupt angles are softened and smoother by the rounded and graceful lines of the furniture.

Perhaps there will be those who will claim that the halls are too crowded already, but the lucky few who are sitting do not complain. It is much easier and neater to leave books on benches than on the floor where they will be tripped over and trampled.

For all people who weary of standing and like to rest occasionally between classes, for all people whose books seem to grow heavier each moment, and for all people who dislike staring at four bare walls with no break in the interior decoration we ask, "where have all the benches gone?"

**by Bert Goodrich**

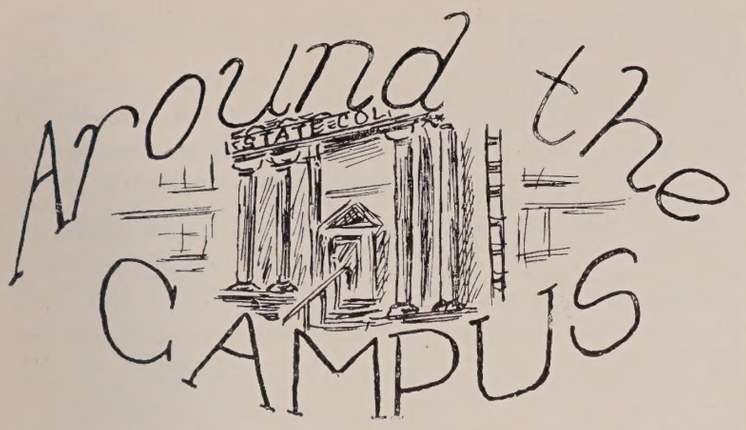
## DATES TO CIRCLE

Nov. 30—A.C.E. Christmas Fair—8:30-4:30 G-22
Junior Prom, 8-12
Dec. 5—Basketball, Assumption—Home
Dec. 7—Basketball, Salem—Home
Dec. 7—National Aeronautics and Space Administration Demonstration.
Dec. 8—Christmas Dance
Dec. 10—Basketball, Westfield—Home
Dec. 11—Newman Club Dance; Christ the King Recreation Center
Dec. 13—A.C.E. to send Golden Books to orphanage
Dec. 14—Christmas vacation begins at 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 3—Basketball, R.I.C.E.—Home
Jan. 10—Basketball, Lowell—Home
Jan. 12—Freshman Prom
Jan. 16—Basketball, Nichols—Home

LOST — yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever.

I think all this talk about age is foolish. Every time I'm one year older, everyone else is, too.

**Gloria Swanson**

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# Interclass Competition

The world today is concerned with many "isms". We at Worcester State also have an "ism": Classism. During Freshman Orientation Week many speakers referred to "your class." Few mentioned "your school." To most freshmen, accustomed to loyally supporting a school, this seemed strange. As you know, however, at that time, there were several other matters to concern us. The extent of Classism at W.S. became evident during All College Week. Most of you have heard of the dispute between the Junior and Freshman classes as to the origin of the Freshman Skit. As All College Week was explained to us, it consisted of skits, capping, and a dance. By definition, a skit is a comic theatrical sketch—for entertainment. We did not realize that our future as a class depended on our performance.

Interclass competition is not only inevitable, it is desirable. It should provide a diversion, but should not be carried on with an attitude which hints that there may be no tomorrow. It can be easily seen that school events are not well supported. Both the Freshman Mixer and the All College Dance were poorly attended. Even though W.S.C. fielded a championship basketball team, student support was practically nonexistent. Granted, many students live outside of the Greater Worcester area, but many others do not.

Many of you sing loud praises of Worcester State and vehemently insist that it ranks with the best schools. If this is so, why are you ashamed to support its social and athletic functions? Worcester State will definitely suffer until exclusive class spirit is replaced with enthusiastic school spirit.

Elaine Anderson F-9

# Student Sights Club Chaos

To the Editor of the Acorn,

The administration suggests that every student belong to at least two clubs. But through the inefficient planning of the responsible people of the various clubs, the student, who belongs to more than one club, is forced to choose and attend only one club meeting.

Friday, November 16, was a classic example of the sad state of co-operation among the clubs. After several weeks of no club activities, on this date there was an explosion of activity. It seems that the clubs exist purely for their egos, they have meetings only to see which one can draw the largest crowd.

There must be some changes made either by the administration or by the club officials if the clubs are to fulfill their responsibilities to the student, to the school, and to themselves.

Molly McGurl
Junior Secondary III

# Clubs' Schedules Confusing

On November 16, the energetic student found himself in a bewildered state. If he decided to attend a club meeting during third hour, he had to choose between many alternatives. It seemed that there was much to do, and so little time in which to do it in. The International Relations Club had a panel discussion on Cuba, there was a Newman Club meeting, and a Math Club meeting. Also an exciting football game was slated for noon which would decide the Intra-Mural Champions of the school. Therefore, I ask if the administration that so wisely beseeches us to join at least two extra curriculum activities can't find some way in which a student interested in diversified fields can be helped. It is too bad we go for three Fridays straight — sometimes more — without a club meeting, and then find us in a situation similar to last Friday's. I think a schedule should be worked out among the various organizations which would see to it that no conflictions between the clubs, assemblies, and sports arise.

Thomas Noonan
Jr. Sec. 3

## Prom Theme

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centerpieces, and Carol Mulverhill the Window decorations.

It will be the pleasure of the Junior Class to have in attendance as guests: President and Mrs. Sullivan, Dean Marguerite McKelligett, Dean Joseph Shea, Dean Walter Busam, and as chaperones: Mrs. Helen Shaughnessy, Miss Helga Peterson, Miss Katherine Shea, Miss Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. George Josephs, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Saunders.

When the two hands of the clock finally meet at twelve, the theme of the Prom will be fulfilled — "Midnight in Manhattan."

# Date Set For Yule Dance

**Gema Sermuksnis**
**of the Acorn Staff**

The second annual Christmas Dance is to be held at W.S.C. Saturday, December 8.

The Christmas Dance is a venture sponsored and supported by all four classes. All contribute financial and imaginative support. The Junior class is in charge of refreshments. The task of decorations fall to the Sophomores. Freshman energies are divided between helping both classes.

Admission is not charged, but by tradition a voluntary collection is taken up for the "Gazette Santa". Through this organization, aid is distributed to the area needy.

The suggestion for the first Christmas Dance came from John Monfredo. The Student Council picked up the idea and has carried it to this second year.

Ride in your car or sleigh but come in holiday dress to the second annual Christmas Dance Saturday, December 8.

# Frosh Plan First Prom

At this moment Frosh are still contemplating the name of their prom to be held January 11, from 8-12 p.m. in the gym. Suggested titles for the semi-formal affair are: "Winter Rainbow," "Crystal Cotillion," and "Aldila."

Various committees have been chosen and also candidates from each section to vie for the honor of being queen. These candidates are:

Section #1—Bette Carter
2—Lois Cronholm
3—Noreen Fitzgibbons
4—Fredel Jordan
5—Carolyn Kudaroukis
6—Grace Mattress
7—Carol Paquette
8—Margie Zaterka
9—Barbara Debs
10—Ann Neimitz

## Music

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much time and devotion into making our Christmas program at the college a time we will long remember. So if you have wondered why Christmas Carols have been sung in October and November, now you know. See you at the concert!

**JAPANESE VACATION. Miss Mary T. Cosgrove, a professor in the college's art department, spent the past summer in Japan. Miss Cosgrove is shown here with one of the Japanese outfits she acquired. (See story below)**

# IMPRESSED WITH JAPAN

**by JOAN TETRAULT of the Acorn Staff**

Home from the "Land of the Rising Sun" with tales and treasures from old and new Japan is Miss Mary Cosgrove, art instructor at W.S.C. The work of the Art Department is a significant feature of our corridors. Many of the creative and imaginative projects stem from the enthusiasm of Miss Cosgrove. This enthusiasm was an impetus for a journey to Japan and several major cities of the world last summer.

Miss Cosgrove spent four weeks studying at Sophia University in Tokyo. Her courses included Art History of Japan and Elementary Japanese. As one of a group of a hundred foreign students at the summer session, she heard speakers on contemporary problems of Japan. Weekend trips brought her to the lake resort of Hakone, to the shrine at Nikko, and to the site of the famous seated Buddha at Kamakura. At the close of the session the group spent two weeks touring, stopping at Kyatee, Mara, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, and Manila. Miss Cosgrove left the group at Hong Kong and proceeded to Bangkok, Delhi, and Agra in India and to Cairo, Athens, Rome, and Lisbon.

Miss Cosgrove brought back many impressions of Japan and of the Japanese people. While living in the dormitory at Sophia, she was served American food. This consisted at times of fried eggs with tartar sauce and coleslaw at 7:00 a.m. She described the many coffee houses in Tokyo with obvious enjoyment.

She was taller than the average Japanese woman, towering over them, she said, like an "Amazon." Kimonas are still worn on the street. The obi, a long, loose robe tied with a sash, is worn sometimes by younger girls; however, their mothers must tie the sashes. This custom is dying out.

As for the Japanese people, they are anxious to adopt Western ways, yet they tend to retain their individuality beneath the surface. Miss Cosgrove's group discovered that many Japanese have stereotyped the American as a loud, boisterous "pusher." Contact with the American students tended to soften this attitude.

The Japanese schools are based on a system of rigid testing. Most Japanese can read and write English, although many cannot speak it because of the lack of English-speaking teachers. Graduates are hired when they are seniors. The job is a commitment for life for both the employer and the employee!

Miss Cosgrove was highly impressed by the Japanese code of honor, their strict rules of etiquette, and their emotional control. She brought back many examples of art to use with her classes. She also kept her pass for the Tokyo subway—hoping, perhaps, to be able to use it again. Certainly Worcester State College will be enriched by her experiences.

KEEP CLIMBING AND SMILING! LOOK AND REALLY SEE.

# Research Library Re-Located

**by PAULINE McKEON**

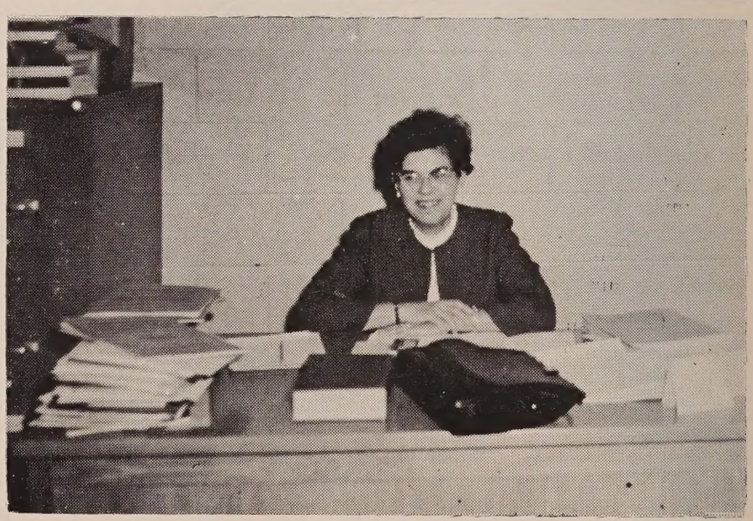
Since September the rear of the library has seen a change. There is an additional section added called the Educational Research Library, under the supervision of Dr. Griffiths. This research library is not new in the school this year. It was originally organized in Dean Shea's office in 1960. But due to the enlargement of the number of students in the school, there was a need for the enlargement of its space and facilities to accommodate these students.

This research library's purposes are to provide a collection of textbooks, courses of study, tests, and other educational materials available for study and observation.

Some of the materials available in this library are: pupils' textbooks, general education textbooks, magazines, pamphlets, publishers' catalogs, curriculum guides, and test files.

These materials have been obtained through the cooperation of the State, the College, the faculty, and the generosity of the publishing companies. Because of these special donations, the materials must not be taken from the library. If you have materials for others to use which you would like to contribute, please leave them with Mr. Joyce or Dr. Griffiths.

This Educational Research Library and its resources are maintained for the use of all students of State College and also for the use of teachers in Worcester County.



**NEW LOCATION. Dr. Ruth Griffiths, supervisor of elementary education, has moved the elementary library facilities from G-21 to G-11 in the rear of the main library.**

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. SPEAK TO PEOPLE. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. SMILE AT PEOPLE. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. CALL PEOPLE BY NAME. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his name.
4. BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. BE CORDIAL. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
6. BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE. You can like everybody if you try.
7. BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE. Cautious with criticism.
8. BE CONSIDERATE WITH THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS. It will be appreciated.
9. BE THOUGHTFUL OF THE OPINION OF OTHERS. There are 3 sides to a controversy — yours — the other fellow's—and the right one.
10. BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE. What counts in life is what we do for others.

# *BEAT*

Sorry for the delay in putting out this issue, but if our professors don't stop giving us term papers we may not put out another paper until next spring . . . Since the last issue the talk around the Campus has been on "Did you pass your mid-semester test; what do you think of the Cuban situation; when will I ever find time to finish my term paper?" . . . **Senior Elaine Adams** has a dazzling sparkle on her third finger, left hand. Why is 9:50 p.m. a special time, Elaine? . . . **Paul Maxwell** has been voted the most talked about football player by the Junior Elementaries and the most valuable player by the Junior Secondaries . . . Cheer up gang—exams will be over before we realize it; as B. C. Forbis tells us, "If there were no difficulties, there would be no triumphs." (Right, physical science students?) . . . The engagement ring season is nearly here for some and has arrived for others—congratulation goes to Junior **Betty Rollins**, Soph **Betty Chiachiolo**, Seniors **Mary E. Smith**, and **Mary Carpenter** on their engagements . . . Congratulation Dept. to Dr Milan on the publication of an article in the October issue of "The Physical Educator . . . Rumors have it that the breaking of ground for the new building may take place in a week or so pending on further developments . . . Best wishes go to **Tom Collins** on being named Jayvee basketball coach — rumors have it that Tom plans with the Javee's is to build character, not characters . . . **Quote of the year** . . . "A truthful woman is one who does not lie about anything except her age, her weight, and her husband's salary." . . . Faculty member **William Masterson** is at City Hospital. We know cards will be appreciated . . . Don Parker (F-7), hoping to gain some valuable teaching experience, took his Sunday class on a field trip. After several hours of hiking, Don discovered they were lost—Yes, Lost. But there's no need for alarm, the neighborhood Boy Scouts came swiftly to their rescue . . . **The Library has announced that during December 17-21-26-28 it will remain opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** . . . "Apartment four G" sounds like a good title for a television series, at least Dotty Durkin, Elaine Hansen, Liz Hower, and Manry Ann Melinski think so . . . **Soap Opera title:** Will the vociferous W.S.C. Cheerleaders remain Ragged or will W.A.A. save the Day . . . Support your team Dept. . . . We hope the student body will turn out in numbers to root the basketball team on to victory come Wednesday . . . According to Mr. Chapman, the trouble with S - 6 is that they have too many smart guys in the group??? Sharon P. (S-4) — why didn't you want that piece about you put in the **Acorn?** It wasn't really that bad was it? . . . What this country needs is a road map a woman can read . . . By Christmas **Ann Schollerd** will have made definite plans for the future . . . Senior Marylou Plotczik is still hunting? . . . **Freshmen Richard Coleman** and **Bill Johnston** are two of the more promising Javee basketballers thus far . . . Strains of "La Cucaracka" heard from 22A (U. S. History) . . . **Rearrangement Dept.** Sophomores favor the much discussed rearrangement of the Winter Carnival schedule . . . Senior Elaine Swenson back from Florida after the Thanksgiving vacation went there to look for material for Dr. Holly's Nature Studies class, a likely story . . . We hope that in the future Junior Patty Sullivan will not lose her shoe while coming to the psy. class . . . A certain Mrs. F. of S-6 vouches that her two partners attend the Holy Cross Scroll Lectures purely for cultural and intellectual purposes—How about it, Mary Ann and Dot? . . . Important date to remember is the Christmas Dance Saturday December 8 . . . Anyone who watched this year's intra-mural football final saw a wail of a game—congratulations go to both games on a fine effort . . . Senior rumors . . . The senior year book will be completed by June 19 . . . Congratulations go to a certain Junior Elem. member who for the first time in two and one-half years finally opened her gym locker without any help . . . Leaving you with this thought "Procrastinate if you must, but remember life speeds on just the same."

J. F. M.

# IRC NOTE

The IRC would like to tip their hat off to their Constitution Committee for their fine job and the many hard and long hours they have spent in their work. The members are:

Peter Chaplain (Chairman)
Carol Amour
Tom Bostock
Barbara Andrzejczyk
Mary Jane Bousquet

# SPACEMOBILE ROCKETS TO WSC

On Friday, December 7, the traveling space science demonstration unit sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will be displayed on the W.S.C. campus. A specially designed bus carries equipment for space science experiments, such as models of launch vehicles, satellites, and electronic equipment. The demonstrators describe the laws of motion and demonstrate the principle of a reaction motor. Experiments are used to explain solid and liquid types of rocket fuels.

Among the equipment used by the Spacemobile demonstrators are a scale model of the Saturn C-1 rocket complex, an operating scale model of a passive communication satellite system, a solar-cell device, and scale models of a Mercury capsule, the Ranger lunar probe, the Mariner, the Surveyor, the Prospector, the Voyager, and the TIROS. The demonstrations and equipment provide a challenging introduction to space science and to our national space activities. The students and faculty of W.S.C., and the teachers participating in Friday's workshop, are certain to find this program an impetus to use this knowledge in their classroom activities.

# The Leaf

From the yellow pages of a book
Fell a beautiful memory—
A leaf, pied and dried.
Thoughts of that day had almost died.
But sudden smiles that leaf supplied—
Or tried.
After a minute I sighed,
And the leaf went back to hide.
Then I cried—or tried.

J. O'C

# Speaker

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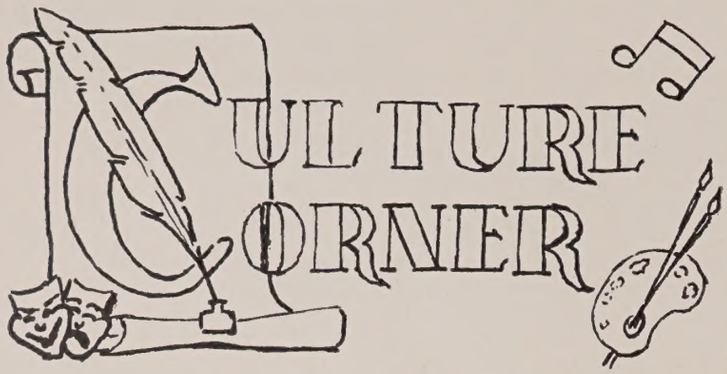
C.I.O.; Sir Roger Makin, former British Ambassador to the United States; Commander Alan Noble, former British Secretary of State and leader of the British delegation to the United Nations.

We are certain that his lecture today will be enjoyable and enlightening to all.




# Carl Calo Views Merry Medley Choir

Once upon a time during the first semester of his junior year, Carl Calo began improving his cultural status in the field of fine arts. As part of his studies, in between visits to the art museum, Carlo was required to report the outcomes of two concerts.

Fortunately for our melodic minded friend there was an available Brunch Party Program arranged by the Merry Medley Choir and presented under the auspices of the John Heap Booster Club with the beloved Richard Rutherford conducting.

The presentation consisted of six numbers ranging from one to six. "It Started out as a Quilt" by Betsy Ross was an appropriate introductory lyric which consisted of four copuscular emissions and many hidden transmutations. The composer was artistically shrewd by concluding after two verses thus relieving the audience.

The second number "through the Forest Once More" by Fern Herbage, which is now on hand in sheet music, was sung entirely by the male section of the choir. This wildfire tune had a simple ABA form, but it was evident that it stemmed from the Classical Period.

The next composition "Hospodi Pomilui" by Lewis Formulae called for that Irish tenor, Leonardo Picasso. Leonardo, who is more commonly known by his close admirers as Leonardo, performed at his boistering best. It was interesting to note that Leonardo majored in ring announcing before he was spotted by a talent scout.

Dainty De Broglie's "Still Life" was the only sonata on the agenda. He composed it while making out his Christmas list. Thoughout the movement the males sung legato while the females sung staccato which, when musically diverged, created a frightening fugue. But alas, on a given signal from a member of the school committee the living sound faded into a soft mystified background.

The fifth number as well as the first and third was an odd number. "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair" by Ludwig "two dab" Puccini, is incidental music which sold over a million Dutch Master Cigars in 61. It contained flourishing meandering meanders with only a few noticeable modulations.

The last song on the schedule was a special request by morbid Morin. The night was completed with Tchaikovsky's "Salvation", which was directed to the lower left hand corner of the triangle. The audience stood with heads bowed low during the opening and closing stanzas. Sobriquet, entomological, and thaumaturgic are a few of the adjectives which can be used to describe the dynamic conclusion.

Refreshments and tea were served and they all lived happily ever after.

**Mike Mulcahy**

# "In Harmony Little Things Grow

For centuries the oak has been a symbol of strength. It is found growing in all climates, except in the frigid regions of the earth. The tree grows slowly and usually does not bear fruit for many years.

After weathering approximately twenty winters, this vigorous and robust tree finally bears its fruit —a small acorn. These ripened seeds have become the symbol of the oak—a symbol of perseverance, endurance, and fortitude. This product depicts the determination of the tree by which it fought all of nature's cruelties and won out. No wonder the acorn has been portrayed with pride and joy! It endures all adverse conditions courageously, and finally, proudly presents its accomplishments to the sky—for heaven to see and for the earth to seek a seedling for another majestic oak. Our school newspaper, "The Acorn," strives to do likewise. It endeavors to present, through four hard years of study and work, a dynamic and well - prepared product — the student, ready to fight and help solve the hardships of life.

We, the students, are acorns taking root in learning, striving to get a good foothold and grow into a vigorous and strong oak. The acorn is appropriate for it clearly exemplifies the unyielding strength of the college, its guiding faculty, and determined student body.

So come rain or hail, wind or sun, snow or sleet, we face the storms, learning and growing; and as the fourth year of school nears, we can with pride and joy realize that our strength is that of an oak — even though we may be as small as an "acorn."

Nancy Rainis

# I Thought I Had A Thought!

Book covers covered with pencil marks, the familiar scratching of the head, ball point pens constantly clicking, feet tapping on the floor—these are all signs that the world is thinking.

Have you ever found yourself doing some one of these or other similar acts? Of course you have, although you may not have realized it.

What about the time you were outlining a history chapter and all of a sudden you noticed that your paper was all covered with scribble marks? Or the day you were talking on the telephone and before you realized it, the daily newspaper had been torn to shreds?

During exam time these actions are multiplied. The teachers expect beautiful papers. But after they correct a few papers they begin to wonder if they have been sadly disillusioned.

So as the world turns, as we all know it does, people are busy scratching their heads, biting their nails and clicking their pens. When people seem to be doing strange things—stop before you criticize or condemn — perhaps they are just thinking.

**Jane O'Donnell**

# "Men Were Born To Rule"

"It's a woman's world." This cliche must often permeate the minds of the male minority at our college as they survey the campus which is very definitely composed of a female majority.

**Statistics show that there are 601 women to 436 men enrolled in the undergraduate course. Breaking these facts down percentage-wise results in the ratio of 58 percent women to 42 percent men.**

The Junior Class, with 155 women and 87 men, leads all classes in the women to men ratio by having 64 percent of the fairer sex. Following closely behind them is the Sophomore Class with 166 women and 112 men; a 60 percent female advantage. The Freshmen Class, with 172 women and 143 men, percentage-wise has a 55 percent female majority. Last comes the Senior Class with 108 women and 94 men, the males being just 3 percent short of equality.

One might wonder why all these statistics, which many students consider unnecessary, are vital to our college life. According to the above numerical evaluation of our college enrollment, the women should be the ruling factor in the various activities at the college since they are the majority. The question remains, "What would happen if the women at the College united?" The female solution, "girls unite!"; the male reply, "men were born to rule."

# The Silence of Nature Speaks To Wanderers

Walking
Watching
Wondering . . .
Why the clouds on high,
the thunder's tone,
the blazing sky,
the walker alone.
Why . . . life
Wondering . . .
When heavens shall shine,
darkness shall die,
happiness divine,
a triumphant tie.
When . . . peace.

# Frosh "Fancies"

**by PAULINE McKEON**
**of the Acorn Staff**

Slightly over 300 freshmen invaded WSC last September. We welcome them as part of the student body. Let's see what we can find out about them.

WSC is extremely fortunate to have gained so many honor students. Only a small fraction of these students are named here: Marjorie Kelly, Elizabeth Carter, Phyllis Hermanson, Donna Abbruzzese, Barbara Werkowski, Mary Sklenan, Alice Poisson, Patricia Giroux, David Avedian, and many, many more.

Mr. Carpenter should be pleased to see so many freshmen interested in music and choir: Francis Boland, Marguerite Zaterka, Ruth Breen, Mary Wade, Akualiona Burdulis, Vera Caduto, Kathleen Toohil, Jane Lesniewski, Fredel Jordan, and many, many more.

Also, some of the freshmen play musical instruments: Joan Creasia, guitar; Daniel Donahue, trombone; Robert Lerange, piano, guitar, flute, drums; Sandra Madnick, piano; Regina Messier, trumpet; and Althea Mildren, mellaphone.

Our athletics teams may be aided by the participation of such students as: Paul Kearnan, Richard Keigwin, Richard Bernien, John Ladner, Donald Cushing, Louis Lebel, Paul Damore, James Duggan, and so very many more.

A few hobbyists are: Rita Hanlon, Carolyn Foley, Elaine Anderson, Sylvia Farnum, Diane Cournoyer all knitting; Dennis Jorz, Patricia Splane, George Pierre, Marion Lange, Sandra Kosiba, all dancing; Peter Irvine, Donna De Santis, Kathleen Shea, Elaine Holt, Denise O'Connell, all painting; Natalie Jorge, Roberta Kuzmiskus, Ann Langevin, all cooking. The stamp collectors are: Paul Jolie, Robert Bartelson, Manasha Bilsey and John Hoye.

Some special or unusual hobbies are: Paul Pelletier, astronomy; Jack Kranrarz, rabbit raising; Barbara Dirsa, archery; Dale Laughlin, reading epitaphs; and John Murray, trying to round up his children for bed. A special hobby, but not unusual, was noted by: Anthony Arnberg, William Smith, John McGinn, Bruce Smith, and George Paradise. This hobby is girls.

A question was asked of the freshmen after only a few days of attending WSC. The question was: "What has impressed you the most at the college in the short time you have been here?" The replies to this question seem to have been almost unanimous. Approximately 90 percent of the freshmen agreed that the school has a very friendly atmosphere. They stated that they were very impressed by the friendliness of their fellow classmates, the upperclassmen, and the faculty.

Well, here's hoping that we aided in acquainting the upperclassmen with some of the freshmen, who have also been very friendly to us.

# Bermuda or Bust

**by DIONYSIUS S. O'TERICK**
**Acorn Staff Clairvoyant**

The Juniors will win the intramural basketball title . . . The W.S.C. Lancers will bring home another New England Basketball Championship . . . Freshman Nancy Lange will have a direct telephone line to Florida before Christmas . . . All the selections Dr. Hedman recommends **not** to be read will be read . . . S-8 will start rolling in quarters (25¢) for Mr. Goss' new organization . . . Molly McGurl and Maureen Matthews (Jr. Sec. III) will use a canoe for their trip to Bermuda in the spring . . .The Sophomore-Senior Prom will be semi-formal . . . Christine Hmura F-3 and Barbara Debs F-9 will be present at some of the basketball games, not only to see the "Lancers" in action but to check over the performance of the cheerleaders because they were both members of the New England Cheerleading Champions while at St. Mary's High in Worcester . . . Junior elementaries will survive all their "units" . . . Senior Dick Ethier will start a branch of the I.R.C. where he is practice teaching . . . Charlie O'Connor will be the "hatchet-man" in the Fitchburg State game . . . If the Cuban situation gets any worse, Frank Kochmovicz S-7 will be the first to join the armed forces from Worcester State . . . Senior Diane Evans, who had her first baby, will have many more . . . The owner of the white Renault will park **in between** the two white

**DIANE EVANS**

lines from now on instead of parking **in the middle** of one line . . . Junior Jim Garvey will grow 2" taller before he graduates . . . Outfielders on the baseball team will receive some top flight competition from freshmen Pete Zinkus and Paul Sundstrom . . . Senior Phil Halloran is not able to hustle the underclassmen girls since he has been out practice teaching . . . Junior Charles Stathais will prove stiff competition in the Winter Carnival ping-pong contest . . . More of the men students will get married in order to have wives' help in writing term papers, etc. . . . Gerry Shea will get sick and tired of picking up the Renault and moving it to make room for his own car . . . There will be no more "fire drills" until spring . . . Mary McGuiness F-6 will be host to a Christmas party at the Cape . . . W.S.C. jackets will be the next item up for sale in the book store . . . Soph Sandy Robinson will make it to Florida before June . . . The title of "State's Chicken Scratches" will be bestowed upon Byran Sullivan S-8 . . . Christmas Vacation will start in two weeks . . . Everyone attending the Junior Prom tonight will have a good time . . . Senior Arlene Handlon will become a suicide blond . . . The Dramatics Club with a cast of thousands will do a bang up job on their production . . . Bob Kuleza will become known as "Tattletail" by Lancer courtmen . . . Senior secondaries will be joining the Audio-Visual Aides Club . . . Don Cushing and Wally Moroski will spark Lancer rebounding . . . Juniors will hide their decorations after the prom. Frosh section 9 will give William Leary a surprise party for his birthday Monday, Dec. 3, during third hour . . . The **Acorn** will put out its next issue December 14.

# Return to College Poses Problems

**by Roberta Chicoine**

The challenge of college is an extremely exciting one, especially to incoming freshmen. For the average student, however, entering college is merely a transition, though often a bit confusing, from high school. But, what about those who, for some reason, let the years lapse before furthering their education? What are some of the problems they encounter? What are the ends for which they are striving?

Worcester State College boasts an average of 25-30 such students, the majority of which are women, who, for the most part, are married with growing families. Their problems might be summed up under the headings of "not enough time" and what psychology would call "adaptation to one's environment."

Time is as precious as a ton of green stamps when it must be divided to provide for the maintenance of a home and keeping up the marks. Those who hit the books after being away for a while find the grind of serious study a long and tedious one, as everyone will agree.

Their goals? The satisfaction that only well acquired knowledge can bring, and the thought of worth while and rewarding profession make the sacrifice well worth it.

# Famous Quotes

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

**Abraham Lincoln**

Anything one man can imagine, other men can make real.

**Jules Verne**

Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more.

Not I, not any one else can travel that road for you, You must travel it for yourself.

**Walt Whitman**

# CLUB NEWS

## "HOLLY BERRY FAIR" PLANNED FOR NOV. 30th

"Holly Berry Hall will open at Worcester State College at 8:30 a.m. on November 30. The **Association for Childhood Education** will hold its annual Christmas Fair in the student lounge this year. It is open to the public and of course all students at the college. You will be able to purchase gifts for baby and grandmother . . . fiance and grandfather.

The fair will be open from 8:30 until 3:30, on Friday. The money raised by this fair will send underprivileged children to fresh air camp during the summer months. Miss Priscilla Hescock and Miss Barbara Boschert, chairmen, have planned tables of aprons, food, toys, Christmas decorations, and home articles such as tablecloths, placemats, etc.

## Pep Squad Joins W.A.A.

Mark the date December 5th down on the calendar as one to be remembered. On that day our basketball team will make its first appearances on the home courts in a game which pits them against Assumption College.

Also making their first appearance of the season will be a spuad of eight cheerleaders who provide the nucleus for most of the spirit here at Worcester State. This year the cheerleaders have been accepted officially by the W.A.A. as a club. Students who belong to the various clubs in this school naturally support them through their help. This is also true of the newly formed club of cheerleaders. It would be a point well remembered if the students would realize that this club does not consist of just 8 young women. It is composed of every student in the college; the admission requirement is not monetary, all you need is school spirit." This club's end is the manifestation of school spirit in the person of the cheerleaders, but to be successful it must be supported by the entire student body.

Last year we had a few loyal supporters at our home games but this year we need more. The cheerleaders are at every game, all they ask is that the students support them at home games. It can be done. It's up to the students to prove that "Worcester's tower" is POWERPACKED . . . WITH "SPIRIT" at every game on the Lancer's court.

1962-63 Cheerleader Squad
Co-capt.: Maureen Callahan, '63
Co-capt.: Carolyn Gendron, '63
Ricki La Monda, '64
Joan Rousseau, '64
Betty O'Donnell, '64
Carol Alaownis, '65
Marilyn Lanza, '65
Mary-Anne Sheehan, '66

## Dramatic Club Chooses Plays

On October 31 the Dramatic Club met to decide on the choice of four one-act plays to be be presented this term. The plays which were chosen are **The Strange Gate, Sunday Costs Five Pesos, Strange Victory,** and, **Good-bye Miss Lizzie Borden.** These plays are being directed by student members of the Dramatic Club. The casts were chosen at the meeting and rehearsals are now underway.

## Don Quixote To Be Shown

Members of the Spanish Club—La Corte Castellana — read and discussed the Club's Constitution at the last meeting. Certain regulations necessary for the successful functioning of the club were distributed to members. La Corte is planning to have the film of the classic **Don Quixote** shown later in the semester at Worcester State—in Spanish sans subtitles! ! Interested students are urged to attend the meetings held every two weeks during Friday's activity period.

## Panel Probes Cuban Crisis

**by Robert James Braz S-1**

"What effect does the present Cuban situation have on future world problems?"

This and many other such questions were answered at the first International Relations Club Meeting on Friday, November 16, 1962 in Rooms 22A and 21A. The discussion took the form of a debate which included a panel of:

Mr. Goss of the Social Sciences Department.

Dr. Kent Redmond of the History Department.

Mr. Loren Gould of the Geography Department.

Dr. Francis L. Jones acted as Moderator for the program.

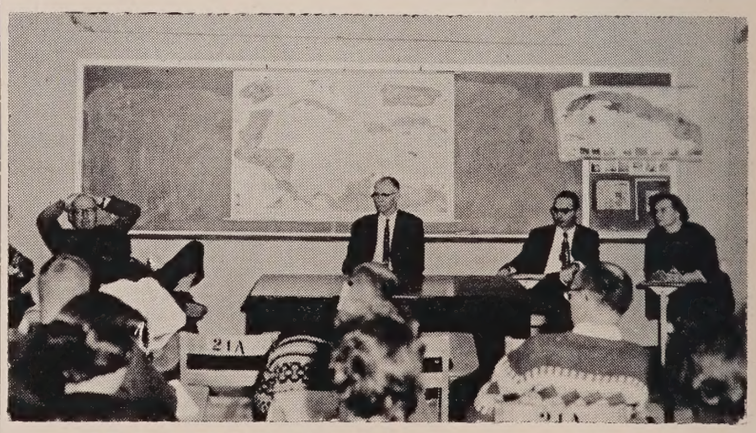
"What is the effect of the Castro situation on our Alliance for Progress?" "The Cuban situation is an opportunity for Khrushchev: He's provided a smoke screen in two ways: By the super fishing project, he's distracted our attention from the submarine bases and through the Cuban situation, he's distracted our attention from other parts of the world." The crisis has forced us to play the strongest hand that we have played since Berlin. What have we learned? What has Russia learned? They now know that we will draw a line at a certain limit. We know that Russia will back up when imposed upon. "The longer we delay, the more they gain". We should make immediate concessions for a long termed program. Russia will not move away from Cuba." . . . These were a few of the many arguments which were stated pro and con at the meeting by the various panel members. A couple of questions were asked by the students attending relating to the Monroe Doctrine and bargaining power. On the whole it was a successful meeting. It may be added that the IRC was pleased to find a few faculty members there. Let's hope this continues. But for those of you who missed the meeting, I hope you'll make a special effort to attend the future meetings which will offer many enlightening moments of pleasure and informal discussion.

## IRC Draws Up Constitution

The I.R.C. held on November 16th its interesting and informative panel discussion on a topic of international interest, "The Cuban Situation." Members of the panel included Dr. Kent Redmond, Mr. Robert Goss, Mr. Loren Gould and Dr. Rita Morris; Dr. Francis Jones, advisor of the I.R.C., was moderator. A most informative discussion was witnessed by all who attended.

The I.R.C. has been busy on another phase of the club's affairs, namely the drawing up of a Constitution that will govern all affairs of the club in the future. This is certainly a step forward and has come about as the result of some hard and serious work of the constitution committee and Dr. Jones.

Tentative plans of the club include those for the annual banquet in the Spring; perhaps we will have the opportunity to hear another speaker like the excellent spokesman presented last year, German Consul, Dr. Philip Schmidt-Schlegel.




**I.R.C. DEBATE. Members of the faculty serve on panel discussing the Cuban Crisis — what it means to us and to the rest of the world.**

**HISTORY CLUB. Final plans for trip to American Antiquarian Society which celebrated its 150th anniversary are discussed several minutes before History Club left on its tour of the Society.**

# Excursions Are Feature Actions of Historians

**by Cynthia Carbone**
**Acorn Club Editor**

I walked over to room G-24 in the new building to sit in on a History Club meeting. There were some forty students standing about in anticipation of something. I attempted to make my way into the room to get a seat when I was politely stopped by the club's president, Richard Moore. He saw the apparent confusion written on my face, and offered to help me. I asked if a meeting would be held. He informed me that the club was on its way to visit the American Antiquarian Society and that there would be no meeting held until later in the month. "Would you care to join our club?" he asked. I wished that I had been a history major at the moment. He said that even if I didn't choose to join the club I was welcome to come along for the field trip. I was surprised at this since I expected that only club members would be allowed to go along "No, no," he informed me "any interested person is always welcome on our excursions." I for one think this is a very laudable policy of the club. So, my fellow students, it is to your benefit to keep an eye on the planned activities of the History Club of our college.

Richard Moore informed me that there are plans for a guest speaker this month. Tentative plans have been made for further excursions to points of historical interest some time during the college year.

The club is considered a **must** for history majors, but is open to all students. This year the club is under the supervision of Dr. Kent C. Redmond. The club's officers are: President—Richard Moore; Vice-President — Patrick Kelly; Secretary — Robert McGraw; Treasurer—Paul Nieminen.

The club holds its meetings once every month. These meetings are comprised of club business, scheduled speakers, discussions and any movies of interest. I also am told that refreshments are served to all members at the meetings . . . hmmmm . . . not bad!

# Active A.C.E.

A.C.E. members like diversity in their meetings. The last one was held at night in the lounge (unbelievably devoid of card games and cigarette smoke). Miss Mahan showed slides of her recent trip to Europe. Plans are being made for A. C. E.'s Christmas Fair, and the student body is urged to support this activity.

Included in future plans are a card party, food sale, donation of books to an orphanage, and a dance. Also several delegates will be chosen to attend a national convention second semester. When is the convention? Spring vacation. Where? Miami. Volunteers.

# Father Gilgun Explains Actions of Council

**by MOLLY MCGURL**
of the Acorn Staff

On Friday, November 16, James Grant, president of the Newman Club introduced Reverend Gilgun of Blessed Sacrament Church who opened the meeting with a Prayer of our Holy Father for the Ecumenical Council. Father Gilgun spoke on the significance of the Ecumenical Council as it pertains to us, the lay people of the Church. He cited four issues that are of particular concern to the Council. These four issues are: 1) the increased role of the laymen in the Church; 2) the clarification of the role of the bishops; 3) the bringing together of science and theology; and 4) the reforms that will take place in the liturgy, the sacraments, and especially the Mass. The meeting was adjourned by Father Gilgun leading the club members in the final prayer.

The Newman Club will hold its annual Christmas Dance on Tuesday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m. in Christ the King Recreation Center. The admission charge is a toy for a girl or boy, wrapped and labeled as such.

The toys are given to the Little Sisters of the Assumption, and they distribute them among the needy children who do not receive Christmas gifts. The gifts are a source of surprise and happiness to the child who has grown accustomed to a Christmas without toys.

Sometimes we forget that there are children who do not share our happiness at Christmas because Santa Claus does not come to their homes. You can be a Santa Claus to one of these children by attending the Christmas Dance.

**NEWMAN CLUB. Father Gilgun speaks on the significance and results of the Ecumenical Council being held by Pope John XXIII at the Vatican.**

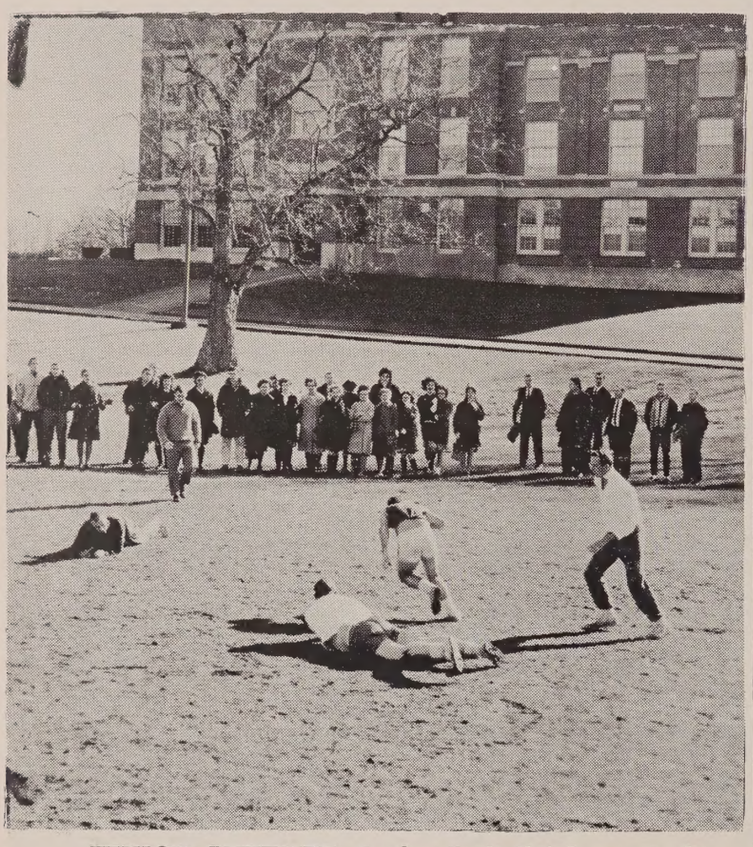
# "Slip Stick"

The first meeting of the Math Club was held Friday, Nov. 16, during the scheduled club period. President Ken Davis gave an interesting demonstration that unraveled the complex mechanisms of slide rule operations into simple addition and subtraction of distances. This method is the original foundation of the slide rule development, but is generally disregarded in favor of the "C over D" rules.

# French Club Views Algerian Situation

The French Club held a meeting October 31. Members were entertained by a showing of slides on Algeria. Dean McKelligett provided the slides and the commentary on them. Refreshments were served after the meeting, which was, as always, conducted entirely in French.

# SPORTS



**JUNIOR ATTEMPT. Junior Jack Brigham evades first rusher while attempting an end sweep in unsuccessful bid to score.**

# SOPHOMORES WIN INTRA-MURAL CROWN

**by Dick LaMothe**
**Acorn Sports Writer**

Sophomore Sections 3 and 8, led by the brilliant playing of Mike Staiti, captured the gridiron intra-mural championship in a hard fought 12-0 victory over Junior Secondary II. The game was a rugged, but clean battle, pitting two undefeated and unscored upon ball clubs.

The Sophomores lost the toss of the coin and kicked off to the Juniors who, even though they failed to score, did seriously penetrate Sophomore territory. The first Sophomore score came about mid-way in the first half, when Mike Staiti intercepted a Jack Brigham pass, and on third down from about the 10 yd. line, Staiti connected on a long bomb to Kevin Lyons in the end zone. The points after failed and the Sophs went into second half with a 6-0 lead. This score remained until the waning moments of the football game. Staiti scored the final T.D. on a run around his own left end as the final gun sounded.

The Juniors came within inches of tying the score near the end of the ball game but they could not cross the Sophomore goal line. Jack Brigham was a standout for the Juniors as he completed 8 of 16 passes but this was not good enough to match the superb play of Mike Staiti. Staiti, along with good defensive play was magnificent as he completed 14 of 19 passes for a remarkable percentage. However, credit must be given to the fine job that men like Chuck Shipobach, George Taylor and Harry Schraeder did in the line by giving Staiti the much needed protection for his passes. Lyons was excellent on both offense and defense and John Stipelfeldt, Paul Sjoman, Bernie Walsh, and Brian Sullivan were equally tremendous on defense.

Dave Habenstreit, Ron LaFrance, and Bob Kulesza, along with Brigham were standouts for the Juniors in a losing cause.

# M.A.A. BOWLING IN FULL SWING

As the M.A.A. Bowling league entered its fifth week competition, Dick Lamothe and Team #8, of which Dick is a member, dominated the statistics.

Lamothe leads the league with an average of 108, has a high triple of 368 and a high single of 137, followed closely by his second high of 135. Teammate Tom Collins, with an average of 104, is in the runnerup spot and in third place is Dick Ethier with 101. Ethier also has a triple of 339 which is good for second place in that category.

With Lamothe and Collins leading the way, and Bill Lynch and Vincent Matulaitis rounding out the team, it is readily seen why Team #8 has taken 19 out of possible twenty points in league play. Their combined pinfall to date is 4,489.

In second place is Team #2 comprised of Don Drewniak, Mike Coffey and Bob O'Connell. They have a record of 15 wins and 5 losses.

The M.A.A. planned to join an Inter-College Ten Pin League, but there was not sufficient interest so the plan was dropped.

However, Dick Lamothe and his crew are perfectly content to splinter the candlepins every Thursday afternoon at 4:15 in the Metro Bowl Alleys on Park Avenue. Credit should be given to Tom Collins for figuring the averages and co-ordinating the action.

**DISCUSSING STRATEGY. Captain Steve Kokernak, top scorer in Worcester State College basketball's history, chats with Coach Fran Dyson.**

# Coach Dyson's Prophecy

"It will probably take us a few ball games before we jell into a real good solid ball club, but we should be as good as last year's team". This was the comment given by Coach Fran Dyson concerning his 1962-63 Lancers ball club.

Steve "Hawk" Kokernak, Worcester's all time scoring great, is this year's captain and only Senior on the team. "Steve will definitely be in the starting line-up, as will George Albro (Soph) and Wally Moroski (Soph). Bob Kulesza (Jr.), a standout varsity performer for the past two seasons, still remains a question mark. He has a torn ligament in his left knee and whether or not he'll be ready is doubtful." Bob will be sorely missed for he is an outstanding shooter and ball handler.

When asked of individual performers and a prospective starting line-up Coach Dyson had this to say, "Kokernak, Albo, and Moroski will start but the fourth and fifth slots are still up for grabs. However Mike Staiti (Soph) and Don Cushing (Fr.) are leading the field."

Coach Dyson will have a fairly strong bench as he has veteran returnees George Melican (Jr.), and Charlie O'Connor (Soph), along with newcomers Fran Bositis (Jr.), Bob Evers (Fr.), Bob Pahigian (Fr.), Joe Montimurro (Soph), Charlie Dix (Soph) and Dan Foley (Fr.). Much is expected of Bositis as a topflight corner man and Evers in the backcourt.

"The competition will be keen," said Dyson, "but our squad should hold its own with the best."

# News From The Bookstore

The bookstore under Mr. Minahan's supervision has set up a permanent schedule of the hours that it will be open each week. This schedule is:

Monday—Closed
Tuesday—11:30 to 3:30
Wednesday—12:30 to 3:30
Thursday—Closed
Friday—1:00 to 3:00

Also at this time, the bookstore is carrying a complete line of college jewelry. Other special items for Christmas will be coming in soon.

# LANCERS

## 1962-1963 Basketball Schedule

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Dec. 5 | Assumption | Home |
| Dec. 7 | Salem | Home |
| Dec. 10 | Westfield | Home |
| Dec. 12 | Fitchburg | Away |
| *Dec. 15 | R. I. College | Away |
| *Jan. 3 | R. I. College | Home |
| Jan. 5 | Boston | Away |
| Jan. 8 | Westfield | Away |
| Jan. 10 | Lowell | Home |
| *Jan. 16 | Nichols | Home |
| *Jan. 30 | Gorham | Away |
| *Feb. 2 | Willimantic | Away |
| *Feb. 5 | Plymouth | Home |
| Feb. 7 | Salem | Away |
| Feb. 12 | Fitchburg | Home |
| Feb. 14 | Boston | Home |
| *Feb. 16 | New Britain | Away |
| *Feb. 20 | Nichols | Away |

*J. V. Preliminaries 7:00 p.m.; Varsity 8:15 p.m.

**SCORES. Sophomore Mike Stati evades pursuers to score the second touchdown for the sophomores in the intra-mural championship game which the sophomores won.**

# Juniors Elect Yearbook Editors

Following the model set up by the "Class of 62", the juniors last week elected four co-editors for their yearbook. This system, which has worked very well for the past two years, has two elementaries and two secondaries as co-editors. The elementaries elected were John Monfredo and Susan Larson, while the secondaries named were Fred Philcox and Patricia Joyce.

...The GUM idea is great
THE Jr. PROM .... MIDNIGHT IN NEW YORK
Dec 7...
..NATIONAL AERONAUTIC'S
AROUND THE CORNER
VACATION
DOVLIA
AT THE CHRISTMAS DANCE ...That's right, Santa will Twist
....He's been doing much better since he switched to bigger bowling balls
Ephim

Christmas Extra

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## Christmas Greetings

## The Twelve Days Of Christmas

Christmas 1962 was officially ushered in by the students of the college last Saturday, December 8, at the Christmas Dance which for a second time was a tremendous success. The dance was sponsored by all four classes under the auspices of the Student Council.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" proved to be an original theme as the students readily recognized all the representations which ably depicted the meaning of the song. Upon emerging from a diamond shaped red and green entrance one became aware of the presence of "twelve drummers, eleven lords . . . leaping yet!, ten pipers, nine dancing maids, eight maids milking, seven swans swimming, six geese laying golden eggs, five golden rings which represented the college as a unit with four smaller parts, the classes of 63, 64, 65, 66, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a golden pear tree."

**Enjoyed By All**

The music for the evening was provided by the "Melody Kings" who, after many requests, played the "limbo." This undoubtedly

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## Classes Assemble To Hear Christmas Program Today

**by ANNE-MARIE BERNIER**
**of the Acorn Staff**

Today, the College Choir is presenting its annual Christmas Concert in the gymnasium. Last night, members of the choir returned to the college to set up the back-drop for today's concert. This year the choir purchased a "shell" to be used to enhance the acoustics, as well as add a final touch to the scene. The shell is a large white semi-circular structure placed behind the choir. Today, as in previous-radio station, to be broadcasted tonight and other times years, the Christmas concer will be taped by the WTAG during the Christmas Season.

The choir has prepared a very interesting concert with additional numbers to be sung by the chorale. The chorale has been working especially hard on one number in particular, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

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**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD. This scene can be seen in almost any American home during the Christmas holidays. It is the work of senior elementaries and can be viewed in room 315.**

## Around The World in 315

**by Joan Tetrault**
**of the Acorn Staff**

W.S.C. celebrates the holiday season in many ways. However, one of the most unique events of the pre-Christmas college festivities takes place annually in room 315. The innovator and organizer of this program is Dr. Rita Morris.

Each year the Senior Elementaries of Dr. Morris' geography classes transform their classroom into a setting characteristic of yuletide. This year's program was patterned according to last year's —**Christmas Around the World.** Each class concentrated on one aspect—food, music, and decorations. A visitor to room 315 is surrounded by Christmas greetings in many languages and representations of celebrations in the Scandinavian countries, Italy, France, Spain, the British Isles, Ireland, the Netherlands, and others. The imagination and creativity of the Senior Elementaries is fully evident in the bright colors and clever arrangements.

Lunch hour on Monday found two Senior sections, led by a delighted Miss Morris, sampling the best of Christmas foods from the countries represented by the nationalities of students in Sr. El. III. Christmas delicacies from Ireland, France, Italy, Sweden,

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# Christmas Lives In The Hearts Of Men

Old Scrooge called it "humbug." From the narrow, insensitive, materialistic point of view, he was right. The spirit of Christmas has little meaning for minds and hearts closed to compassion, understanding, and good will. Yultide cheer defies calculation and logic.

Despite the claims of the theologians and pedants Christmas is not the special province of any group no matter how large. The Christmas spirit and magic spill over the boundaries of faith and custom, ignoring all well-meaning efforts to keep it tidy and sacrosanct. Commercialism cannot kill it. It lurks in the most tawdry store displays. Repetition cannot blunt its message. Though the loudspeakers blare forth the familiar carols ad infinitum, the magic and the mystery are indestructible.

Christmas is many things to many men. For some, the story of the manger and the babe, and the star, and the wonderstruck shepherds is the be-all and the end-all of the ancient holiday. For others Christmas is an amalgam of a thousand impressions ranging from the cold Salvation Army worker ringing his bell to the splended organ tones emanating from tall cathedrals.

For every man, whatever his calling, or faith, or origin, Christmas is a time of hope and cheer that defies harsh reality. We live in a dreary age of turmoil and torment, of hate and fear. Fear is the mark of our world today. And yet the angel said: "Fear not . . . "

**John Monfredo**

# The Christmas Stocking

This old but enjoyable custom started so the story goes when little Dutch children were taught by their parents to put their wooden shoes by the fireside on Christmas Eve because Santa Claus would leave no gifts unless he saw shoes all in a row. It sounds suspiciously as if some parents had created this method of getting children to bed on Christmas night. English children who had no wooden shoes substituted stockings.

# Why We Send Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are said to have originated in 1846 when an artist Mr. Joseph Cundall of London, created a colored lithographed card about the size of a lady's visiting card. The custom of exchanging these was not introduced extensively before 1862 when they became much more modern in form with "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" printed on them. No doubt the need for a card of this kind was suggested by the custom of writing letters of congratulation at the time of a holiday. It had long been an English custom to shout "Merry Christmas" from the window on Christmas morning, and the next step was to send a card to a friend expressing the same thought.

**Customary to Write Letters**

Before the days of the Christmas card, it was customary for school boys to write letters home on elaborately decorated sheets called "Christmas pieces." These letters were ornamented with pen flourishes to show the writer's progress and skill in penmanship. No doubt they were helpful reminders of the season and the diligent student was suitably rewarded by his fond parents. The Christmas card, like the Christmas gift, is likely to become overworked and a nuisance. Artistically it is often amusing to see what is considered appropriate by way of decoration, and Christmas rhymes and jingles are not infrequently atrocious.

# Choir

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Around the campus there is a small quartet of choir members called "the Square Notes". They performed at many of the choir concerts last year, and at today's concert they will sing the ballad "Virgin Mary." The choir itself has prepared many beautiful numbers for the concert. One of the numbers the choir will sing is the "Adoration of the Magi" from the motion picture "Ben Hur." All in all, the Christmas Concert promises to offer much entertainment and enjoyment for all of us. It is the choir's way of saying Merry Christmas.

**THE SQUARE NOTES. Members of the choir composing this uartet are (l. to r.) Fred Philcox, Bonnie McCrea, Martha McCue, and Ricky LaMonda. This is one of the several smaller groups which are made up of choir members who take an active interest in singing. (tSory on Page one)**

# THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES MAKE CHRISTMAS SIGNIFICANT

Certain human events and celebrations after they are repeated time and again affect most individuals with a sense of boredom with the repeated event. Reflecting on those events that induce boredom and others that are repeated time and again without loss of enthusiasm causes us to ask for the reason.

Further reflection enables us to see that celebrations that are integrated with spirituality never seem to lose our interest. Christmas is such a celebration. Each year we welcome Christmas with more enthusiasm and reverence than we have in the past. The spiritual values of Christmas should and do surpass its material values. Christmas without spiritual values would simply be a pagan winter festival.

Advent is the spiritual season prior to Christmas, a time for preparation for the proper observance of Christmas Day. The Christmas season should be a time of brotherhood in keeping with the words of Scripture: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will." Certainly at this time the world is in need of men of good will and of the peace of Christmas. Christmas should be a glittering time of the year. But it should glitter with the light given off by the jewels of goodness rather than the tawdry temporary shine of tinsel.

Christmas has a significance only if it expresses the virtues of faith, hope, and love. We must have faith that mankind can solve its own problems by peaceful methods. We must have hope that the current philosophy of despair will be eliminated. We must love mankind for its spiritual attributes. Love of our fellow man can kindle the Divine Spark of wisdom and understanding in the breast of each individual and can help to solve future problems. These attributes of Christmas are gifts without price. May they be ours this blessed season and throughout the New Year.

President **Eugene A. Sullivan**

# England's Holiday

**by Judy Pilibosian**
**of the Acorn Staff**

As we at Worcester State College anticipate the coming holiday season, Anne Langevin and Linda LaPerriere of f-5 reminisce about Christmas in their native land, England. Both Linda and Anne remember the closeness of the family, the warmth of the home, and the true Christmas spirit in every heart.

"Oh, how we all looked forward to Christmas!" said Anne, "Plans and preparations began as early as September in most homes."

"Oddly shaped colorful packages clutter the closets, sparkling and glittering ornaments decorate the house, and Christmas baked goodies fill the cupboards," added Linda.

In England the Christmas festivities begin on Christmas Eve, followed by Christmas Day, and end on Boxing Day.

On Christmas Eve the Caroleers go about the neighborhood singing all the lovely Christmas hymns. Included in their repertoire are the traditional English melodies of The Wassai Song and God Rest Ye Merrie Gentlemen.

"Inviting them in for a spot of tea and egg nog is the usual custom of the household," explained Linda.

The task of bringing in the evergreen tree and yule log rests on the shoulders of the male members of the family. While the children with tinsel, candles, and ribbons in hand have the pleasant duty of decorating the tree. When everything is completed and the stockings hung on the fireplace mantle, the children retire for the night with hopes that Father Christmas will soon arrive.

Christmas Day is spent in religious, spiritual, and joyous festivity. The entire family attend the Christmas morning church services. The afternoon and evening are spent in feasting, relaxing, and exchanging gifts.

"The typical English dinner would consist of roast pig or duck as the main course with all the trimmings including the Plum Pudding which is brought to the table flaming. In the center is a piece of holly for good luck," Anne said.

Preparation of the Plum Pudding is welcomed by every member of the household. Legend has it that anyone who is lucky enough to stir the pudding may make a wish which will in all probability be granted.

"Inserted in the pudding are fortune charms. The charm a person receives in his pudding foretells his future," said Linda.

The final day of celebration is Boxing Day. It is on this day that friends and employees gather together to exchange gifts. Boxing Day first originated in olden days when servants worked on Christmas and observed December 26, Boxing Day, as their Christmas. This tradition has been handed down from century to century until the present day. The three day holiday is now brought to a close with this day's end.

However, the memories of Christmas in England still remain in the hearts of Anne and Linda: "Oh, to be in England now . . ."

# IT'S GREEK TO ME!

How do you say "Merry Christmas" in some of the world's languages?

Here is how:

| | |
|---|---|
| German | Frohliche Weihnachten |
| Dutch | Gelukkig Kerstfeest |
| French | Joyeux Noel |
| Italian | Buon Natale |
| Spanish | Felices Pascuas |
| Roumanian | Sarbatori Fericite |
| Greek | Kala Christouyenna |
| Arabic | Miladun Said |
| Russian | Rojestvom |
| Polish | Wesolych Swiat |
| Scandinavian languages | God Jul |
| Finnish | Hauskas Goulua |
| Portuguese | Feliz Natal |
| Hungarian | Boldog Karacsony |
| Japanase | Kurimasu omedeto gozaimasu |
| Malay | Selamat hari natal |
| Chinese | Gung ho sheng tan |
| Swahili | Siku kuu ya kulzuwila Masiaya |
| Czech | Vesele Vanoce |
| Hawaiian | Mele Kalikimaka |
| Serbo-Croatian | Sretan Bozic |
| Samoan | Manuia Le Kelisimasi |
| Gaelic | Nodlaig Sona Duit |
| Icelandic | Gledileg Jol |
| Flemish | Gelukige Kersimis |
| Afrikaans | Geseende Kersfees |

**DECORATING. These sophomores are giving a sampling of Christmas tree decorating which will soon be occurring in most homes. They are (l.-r.) Gerry Kidderis, Backy Gay, Lucy Chestnut, and Brian Sullivan.**

# Raed Atnas Esaelp Gnirb em:

The following letter to Santa contains many secret requests of both the faculty and the student body. Since Santa receives every publication of the **Acorn** at the North Pole, I am sure that the fulfillment of these wants will be at the top of his list.

A male about 6 feet—**Janet Vania**

A hot motocycle—**Bob Tompson**

New diving equipment — **George Taylor**

One-way ticket to Connecticut—**Chuck Szymczak**

A pastel bathrobe and a Phi Mu Sigma pin—**Jane Schwartz (Jane W.)**

A new I. Q.—**Rosebud Delitto**

The New England State College Basketball title again — **Chuck Dix**

An "A" in physics—**Linda Johnson**

Two tickets to Madrid — **Grace Varrichione**

I don't want anything. I have a ticket to Madrid coming to me—**Richard Tiberii**

**Roberta Chicoine**—a pair of red shoes that fit . . . **Mr. Eager**—happiness, peace and sunshine . . . **Wally Moroski**—a directory of all eligible freshmen girls . . . **Gail Nielsen** — one way ticket to Seattle . . .

**Daniel Donahue** — some color blindness cure pills . . . **Trudy Halloran**—wants a Fuller Brush man . . . **Skeeter Bosits**—A Marlboro . . . **Miss Wilmarth** and **Miss Mahan** would like a bulletin Board for G-22 . . .

**Isabelle Sullivan** — a Jantzan and a smile . . . **Anthony Cutropia**—four months of lesson Plans for 2nd semester . . . **Pat Richards**—Beethoven's Fifth . . . **Patricia Farr**—wants a chocolate cream pie for Christmas . . .

**Margie Zaterka**—wants a blond donut . . . **Gerald Daley**—A live Sue doll? . . . **Diane Henderson**—wants a swimming pool most of all . . . **Steve Keenan** — instant snow for ski trips . . . **Mr. Joyce**—a quiet library . . . **Harriet Goulet**—wants a chess set . . . **Sylviva Farnum**—a spare tire for her bicycle . . .

**Leo Handin** — Bridget Bardot . . . **Walter Grocki**—wants Arthur Murrays Dance Studio . . . **Earl Erikson**—a book entitled "Lesson Plans made Easy." . . . **Joy Ashian**—wants Randy—blond hair, blue eyes, from Ohio . . . **Janice Smolen**—wants a fraternity pin from Worcester Tech . . .

**Neil Cronin**—I would like a girl to marry—so she would pay my way through school . . . **Kathy Scales**—6 ft., 200 lbs., baby boy complete with a bottle . . . **Kathy Proko** wants a Robot Man to call her own . . . **Mr. Joyal**—another trip to Cambodia . . .

**Barbara Foley**—wants the boy that she tells everyone someone else likes . . . **Louise Gemme** wants a pink and black car . . . **Dr. Perry**—an all expense paid ski trip during the Christmas vacation . . . **Mr. Carpenter** — wants an electric train. "I can hardly wait until my son grows up so I can have one" . . . **Beth Schold**—a unicorn . . . **Dean Shea**—"Thats' a good question . . .

**Jane Anderson**—cats, any amt.! . . . **Joan Bertrand**—"Oh Henry" candy bars . . . **Arlene Benlifer**—(from New Bedford) a compass to find Newton Ave. No. . . . **Bob Carlson**—a car-sitter to talk to his car when he can't be with it! . . . **Linda Lavell**—ask me next year! I need time to think! . . . **Barbara Dagostino** — toy soldier (Air Force) . . . **Mrs. Sullivan**—a mink coat—and clean tables . . . **Mrs. Whitney**—silverware (for the cafeteria of course) . . . **Bud Brunnell**—1942 Plymouth.

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# Christmas Around The World

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Armenia, and Poland were among those sampled. This wide range of countries was also represented in the music presentation.

We encourage all of you who have not visited room 315 to do so before you leave for vacation. It is an excellent example of how we as teachers may utilize the wonderful heritage that is ours in America, not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year.

# Meaning Comes With Maturity

**Mary Savage F-10**

When he was a child Christmas was Santa Claus with his big red suit and bag of toys. It was a time to have fun and receive relative's attention. But as he grew Santa Claus faded with the new trucks and loud guns and Christmas became the "Holiday Season." It was a vacation time, full of parties and a chance to see friends who had gone away to school. Mistletoe took the place of a Christmas tree, and a girl the place of the too numerous relatives.

Once out in the world, his idea changed. Christmas time was the all important "Busy Season." It was a time to push everything in the store, a time to cram the place with sentimental sales techniques, and a time to take the customers for all they were worth. Since he was older he took more notice of the people about him. He heard the company executives give speeches about the Christmas spirit and then refuse a Christmas bonus. He felt the bitterness of those who preached "Peace on Earth," and removed certain names from their dinner lists because they did not sound "just right." He sensed the increase of religious murmering of people who repudiated God for 50 weeks of the year and had no more charity than Midas. He saw all the hypocrisy and laughable irony that goes along with Christmas. He saw and he learned.

The years past and he grew more foolish, or perhaps, wiser. He had made his fortune; his cynicism had given him success. He began once more to feel the Christmas season—or the absence of it. He missed the family gatherings, the ancient traditions, and yes, the happy spirits which he had for so long forgotten. He walked through the great city to the humble places of his childhood and youth. And there he saw them, the children with their toys, the young men with their parties, and the old men with their memories. He had come full circle — once again he believed in a Santa Claus. That is, he believed in a certain something which could change the world for two weeks every year. And he rejoiced for even this little period of human peace.

Which stage of man is right; which is the true Christmas? Perhaps none and maybe a little of each—who knows?

## Romantic Tale

# Why We Kiss Under The Mistletoe

There are many legends about Christmas plants, but whether fact or fiction, the "kissing plant," mistletoe, has the most charming stories.

The showy little plant grows on trees and is unromantically classed as a semiparasite. We first read of it in connection with the Druids who had elaborate ceremonies centering around it during their Winter solstice. The oak trees that they worshipped had abundant mistletoe growths on them. It was supposed to bestow divine favor and a blessing from nature.

**Scandinavian Myth**

In a more romantic vein, a Scandinavian myth, tells a different story. This legend says mistletoe means, "Give me a kiss."

In the legend, Balder, the Scandinavian counterpart for Appollo, received a charm from his mother, who was the equivalent of Venus. It was to protect him against injury from everything which sprang from the four elements, fire, water, air, and earth.

An evil spirit who hated Balder, formed an arrow from mistletoe, which did not grow from any of these elements. The mistletoe dart struck Balder down. The tears of his mother became the white berries of the mistleteo, and Balder was restored to life. His mother decreed that the plant would never again serve as an instrument of mischief.

Balder's mother being the godess of love and beauty, and eternally grateful for the return of her son, was said to bestow a kiss upon anyone who shall pass under the mistletoeo.

From this old tale, we derive our custom of kissing under the the mistletoe.

# Our Hope Of Christmas

**by Susan Larson**

Christmas is a symbol of hope. Yet, how hopeless it sometimes seems to believe that love and good will can triumph over the hate and evil in our world today. This seems like such an unfair contest. When we are confronted with the reality of life in our modern age, how can we find hope in the beautiful, but seemingly outdated story of Christmas?

We can find hope. However, we must remember that as our world is troubled today, so was the world into which the Christ was born. We have sentimentalized Christmas to the point where we have little knowledge of the violent conditions that existed in Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago, when the world's greatest hope was born.

If those who had gathered around the stable had looked at the injustice around them, they might have said, "Look at the ugly world into which this babe has been born!" Instead, they looked at the babe and said "Look what has come to the world!"

We all must have hope. We can begin with the little things, with the commonplace things which lie at hand. All great achievements have humble beginnings. The good teaching being done by W.S.C.'s students, had its beginning with practice lesson plans, and endless study.

It isn't easy to hold out the hope that one person can do something toward meeting the great needs of our time. Yet, the individuals who followed Jesus were typical workingmen, and today they are honored and called saints. This suggests that anyone can influence the affairs of our world, and perhaps help to bring about a better day.

Every Christmas hope is born, and although the world affairs may seem dark, we must not have fear. What if the news in the headlines is bad? "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy."

# *Christmas In...*

**Gema Sermuksnis**
**of the Acorn Staff**

Christmas is almost here. Traditions are remembered, families reunited at this time. We think of Christmas as a universal holiday, well it is. It is celebrated from the Philippines to Sweden. This reporter asked around the campus and came up with a few answers.

. . . . Hungary, as told by Etelka Soos.

In Hungary the Christ Child brings gifts. He comes in the late afternoon while the children are at a play. Gifts are placed by a tree decorated with candles, cookies, tinselled nuts, candy oranges and Angel's hair. A manger is under the tree.

Many superstitions surround this holiday. One tradition has it that if a brush and comb are placed under the pillow on the 24th then one will dream of one's future mate. To find the occupation of the future husband, molten tin is dripped onto cold water. It is also said the animals will speak on this night.

**OTHER LANDS**

. . . Italy, as told by Ronald Simoncini

In Italy a Mardi Gras celebration is held and lasts the 12 days of Christmas. A log takes the place of the Christmas tree. Fish is traditional on the Christmas Eve meal, many varieties being used including squid. Also served is a sweet, rich cooky-candy made of nuts and honey.

. . . Poland, as told by Janice Smolen

In Poland the most important celebration takes place with the Christmas Eve meal. A Christmas wafer is shared with a kiss. Fish, pierogi and mushrooms along with other foods make up the rest of the meal.

. . . France, as told by Jane Schwartz

The French start celebrations with Midnight Mass. After the Mass the whole family gathers for a dinner. Gifts are given but those of the New Year are more important.

A fire is kept burning from Christmas to New Year. Decorations of food are used on the traditional tree.

Gema Sermuksnis

# Christmas Dance

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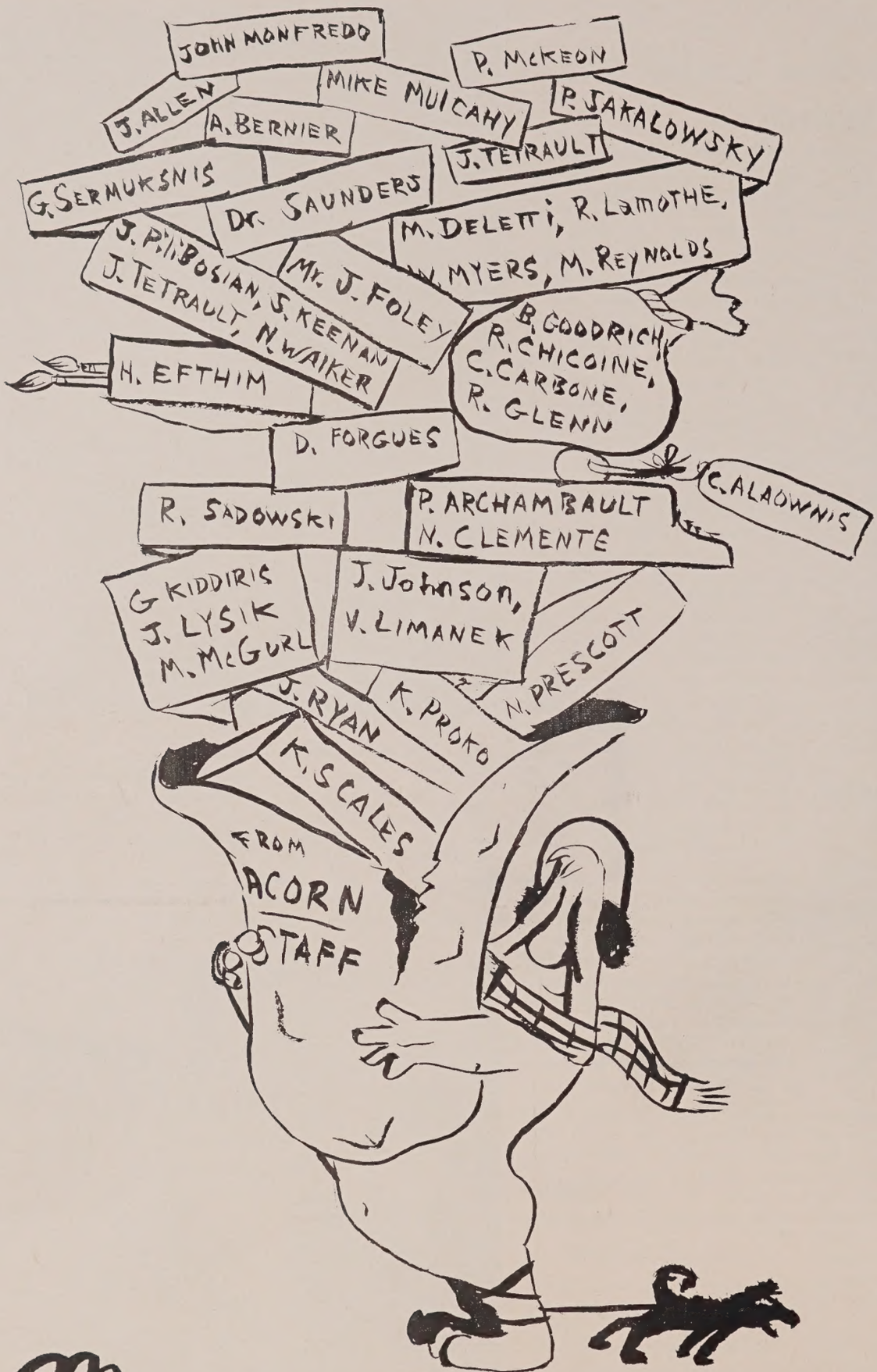
provided amusement for the evening since some brave students attempted "the limbo." Congratulations to those of you who attempted and accomplished this!

In attendance as guests were: Miss Vera Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goss, Dr. Francis Jones, Mr. Anthony Lipp, Mr. Joseph Lonergan, Mr. William Masterson and Dr. Francis Wallet.

A special commendation should go to those sophomores who undertook the task of decorating the gym. To them we say, congratulations on a job well done; to the juniors we say, we had plenty to eat; to the freshmen and seniors, thanks for your help on both decorations and refreshments; to the Gazette Santa we send the contributions of those in attendance at the dance; to the students, we say, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you January 2, 1963.

**SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS. This scene is one of several scenes from the senior elemntaris' theme: Christmas Around the World. Senior Dave Bottom stands by project to which he has just put finishing touches.**




Merry Christmas...

ANYWAY!
R.C. BAILEY '65

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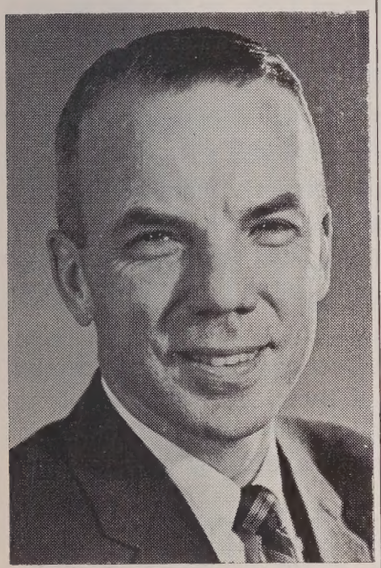

DR. J. WENDELL YEO

## Noted Educator, Dr. Yeo, Speaks Tomorrow

Dr. J. Wendell Yeo, Vice-President for Student Affairs at Boston University, will speak to Juniors and Seniors at eleven o'clock tomorrow in the Auditorium. His talk will center on the "Problem Child" and school guidance.

Dr. Yeo, a professor of Education at Boston University since 1939, has held the following positions: Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Education, Director of Guidance, and presently is Vice-President of Student Affairs.

He has had wide experience in teaching in Connecticut, Texas, at the University of Michigan, and at Denver University.

Dr. Yeo is the author of many articles in professional journals on problems of youth training and guidance services. He is also the co-author of the text "Growing Up", which is planned to help teen-agers solve personal social problems.

# "Crystal Cotillion" Acclaimed Huge Success

by JUDY PILIBOSIAN
of the ACORN STAFF

Last Friday evening the Freshman Class presented their prom, "Crystal Cotillion". One hundred and ten couples—the largest attendance at a Worcester State freshman prom—danced to the lilting music of George Gregory and his orchestra. Among the memorable selections were "Maria", "Moon River", "Moonglow", "Till", and "Twilight Time".

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Freshman Class queen. Noreen Fitsgibbons was selected to reign throughout the coming year. Her attractive court attendants were Bette Carter, Lois Cronholm, Fredel Jordan, Carolyn Kudaroukis, Grace Mattress, Carol Paquette, Margie Zaterka, Barbara Debs, and Ann Neimitz.

The class was honored to have as its guests: President and Mrs.

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**WINNING SMILE. Miss Noreen Fitzgibbons of 4 Gleason Way, Leicester, was elected queen of the Freshman Prom last Friday night in the school gymnasium.**

## World Famous Folk Singer To Appear Here

by STEVE KEENAN
of the Acorn Staff

On Friday, February 1st at 11:00 a.m. the curtain of our auditorium will open for William Clauson, the celebrated Swedish-American ballad singer and guitarist who has been dubbed by Carl Sandburg as "The Viking of Song".

In his current season he follows concerts in Mexico, makes tours in the United States, proceeding onto Europe including numerous appearances in England and Scandinavia, and thence onto Australia and New Zealand. Having appeared in New York's Town Hall, Carnegie Hall, and London's Festival Hall; this renown folk singer is a welcomed visitor everywhere from Hong Kong to Tasmania.

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## Here They Come Ready Or Not

The mid-year exams ending first semester of academic achievement will come tomorrow — January 18. These exams will run through Friday, January 26. As it has been in past years, the student body is given the day following the last day of exams off. Thus, Monday, January 28th, will be a day of rest and relaxing for the test-weary student body. About the only thing left to say now is —GOOD LUCK.

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## WILL THERE EVER BE MORE THAN ONE CLUB PERIOD?

A controversial issue on the campus of W. S. C. this semester has been the "club situation." Many faculty members, and a large portion of the student body, have become increasingly concerned with the problems arising from organized club activities. At the present, twenty clubs are listed in the **Student Handbook.** Every student in the college must belong to at least one of these organizations. Since our enrollment is close to the one thousand mark, elementary arithmetic reveals that about fifty students would participate in each club. However, since many clubs attract only those with special interests such as French and debating, club membership is not all so evenly distributed. The result has been that a handful of clubs have enrolled scores of dues-paying, non-attending, non-participating students.

**What is to be done?** Meetings and programs have continued to be scheduled during the same hour, making it difficult for an interested student to participate in two clubs. Many suggestions have been made. Club membership could be put on a voluntary basis. The number of clubs could be reduced, so that only the active ones would remain open for membership. **In order to resolve conflicts in scheduling, each club could submit in April a proposed calendar for the coming year.** One person has suggested that credit in the yearbook be given only to club officers. The choir and dramatic groups, which are actually performing groups and not clubs, should be given consideration for course credit. The varsity and junior varsity athletic groups could be excused from physical education during the season. These are but a few of the suggestions made to the staff members of the **ACORN.** We welcome your opinions on this important matter.

# Scheduling Changes Needed To Improve Carnival Participation

The Winter Carnival season is fast approaching and the people who attended last year will be expected to return again this year. Oh yes, there are those who would like to be on the campus Saturday participating in the snow sculpturing and sport events, but part-time jobs will prevent them from joining the fun.

The Acorn doesn't expect Tom, Dick, or Harriet to give up a day's pay in return for a day of college capering. Who can afford it?

Then again, Sunday's Jazz Concert will attract a large crowd since the majority of students don't work that day. Sunday is usually spent in some leisurely manner, but still the Acorn has its doubts about seeing Tom, Dick, and Harriet. Tom has to finish that unit, Dick rather watch television than pay to see a band, and Harriet's boyfriend from P.U. has other plans.

One of the better times of college life will be lost by many, who through no fault of their own were unable to attend. Everyone of us can put ourselves into Tom, Dick, and Harriet's place. We usually have other engagements for Saturdays and Sundays.

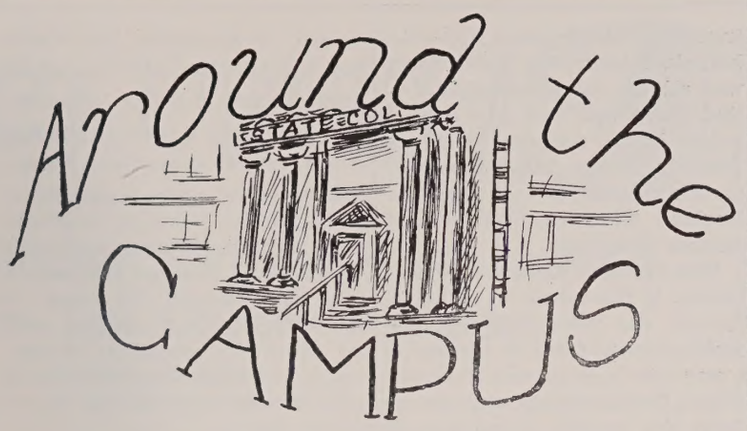
With this in mind the Acorn feels that if a few changes in scheduling are made this year's Winter Carnival will be even more successful than the last. In particular we are interested in moving Friday night's activities to a Thursday night and Saturday's daytime activities to Friday, which would be a day given by the administration to help boost carnival participation. Saturday night would be climaxed by the presentation of awards at the Carnival Ball.

# *Dates To Circle*

**January 18—Dr. J. Wendell Yeo, assembly speaker**
**January 30—Basketball, Gorham—away**
**February 1—Assembly speaker, William Clauson**
**February 2—Basketball, Willimantic—away**
**February 5—Basketball, Plymouth—home**
**February 7—Basketball, Salem—away**
**February 8-9—Winter Carnival**
**February 12—Basketball, Fitchburg—home**
**February 14—Basketball, Boston—home**

# *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Mr. William Joyce, Worcester State College Librarian, on his appointment as Program Chairman for the Teacher Education Section of the Association of Colleges and Research Libraries, an affiliate of the American Library Association. Mr. Joyce will have the responsibility of preparing the program of the ACRL for the Annual Convention of the American Library Association to be held in Chicago during the month of June.




**In this section of the Acorn any member of the student body may express his opinion on any subject. The only stipulation being that the name of the person submitting the article be included.**

**The same policy should be followed by anyone wishing to write a letter to the editor. Either of these forms of student expression can be placed in the Editors box in room 26. Acorn reserves the right to edit any opinions due to lack of space.**

## *Quality Coverage Part of New Look*

In the past three and one-half years, we have received and read many copies of the **Acorn.** The November, 1962 edition far exceeds any former attempt.

We should feel free to hold the latest edition of the **Acorn** beside publications of any area college which we have seen, in a comparison of quality, coverage, and scope.

Particularly evident in the **Acorn's** "new look", is the extensive coverage afforded all classes. Preceding the "falling of the dynasty", to quote last year's staff, this would have been a most unusual phenomenon.

Another new feature is the constructive criticism as expressed by so many of our students. Opinions relative to conflicting club meetings, interclass rivalry, lack of student support evident in social activities, etc. are of incalculable value and certainly should be read and considered by all who have an interest in Worcester State College.

I am sure that all students support us in congratulating the **Acorn** staff for a fine job well done. We hope to see more of the "new look" in future editions.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD D. ETHIER
Senior Secondary II

## Student Desires Football Team

The football season is over, except for the championship teams. Worcester State has a championship team in basketball but no team whatsoever in football. Why? The desire is there on the part of the students, who don't get a chance to cheer for State until the year is half over. The talent is there. Many high school stars come to State, whose only outlet for their talents is intramural football, which although a tooth shattering sport, leaves much to be desired in the minds of the players and spectators. Finances? A ten dollar addition to the activity fee would raise enough money. Opponents? Many smaller colleges are looking for a team, such as State would produce, to complete an otherwise brief schedule.

A major complaint at State is the lack of school spirit. There is nothing to be spirited about until December. With a football team, the spirit would last all year long without the initial "fall-gap".

R. C. Bailey '65

## Exams Have Come To W.S.C.

**by DIONYSIUS S. O'TERICK**
**Acorn Staff Clairvoyant**

Special New Year's prediction: for some '63 will be good, bad for others and not too good and not too bad for the rest . . . Dick Lamothe and Kevin Lyons will have a combined batting average that will total well over 1,000 this spring . . . But intramural basketball will be a sophomore win as was the football . . . Jean Stead's (S-4) letters will come straight to W. S. C. and not by way of Worcester State Hospital . . . Mr. Joyce will get cue cards to stop conversation in the library rather than talking out loud.

Pudgy (S-8) will stop fooling around . . . Kathy Murray F-6 will be voted the "most likeable freshman girl" by upperclassmen . . . Dave Malony may be a candidate for the Soph Class president at election time . . . Three feet of snow will cover the ground for the Winter Carnival . . . Bob Sherman is betting the snow will come in time for exams . . . Cheerleaders will get new uniforms . . . Mr. Goss will never know what the LA's pre-Christmas conspiracy was . . . Paul Z. (Jr. Sec.) will have a June wedding, or so say Soph's C. S. & M. S.

January 18-25 the boys will not shave and the girls will not curl their hair . . . The Newman Club retreat will be filled to capacity, not that the members need it . . . Walter Thompkin's birthday (Jan.

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## SEVEN TO ONE

**by DONNA ABRUZZESE**
**of the Acorn Staff**

Seven boys and one girl, sounds like a wonderful situation doesn't it girls? It would be except that the seven boys are Claudia Scott's brothers and Claudia is the one girl in this case.

Their ages range from six to twenty-one years of age. I asked Claudia a few questions and this is how our conversation went:

Whom do you get along with the best?

"I get along very well with my brother who is a year younger than me, however, I get along best with the two that are away."

Do you have many fights?

"Well yes, but normal everyday ones. Its the continual horseplay that occurs when there are more than two older ones in the house, or when we start chasing the three little ones through our twelve room house. This makes for a bit of confusion which keeps my mother more than normally confused.

Well you must have quite a bit of fun, don't you?

"Our main fun is watching the continual look of bewilderment on my father's face when we are all together trying to straighten out our various affairs. I'm sure he never has and never will adjust to the confusion seven boys and one girl has brought to him."

"However, I get a big kick out of telling my brother to do certain jobs that my mother had left for me to do. It's really a panic when we try to bribe one another from telling my mother something we don't think she should know.

Are there any advantages in this type of situation?

"There are some advantages to this situation, however. For instance, I don't have to worry about hand-me-downs. I have a room of my own and no sister to worry about asking to borrow things."

**Snowball Fight**

Are there any disadvantages?

"The main disadvantage is having a boyfriend. I don't mean that he is the disadvantage, but seven brothers and a boyfriend is a disadvantage. When he comes to the house this constitutes a trial by jury or the third degree.

We might think we are alone in a room, but there is sure to be someone at the top of the stairs or behind a chair. Any number of faces appear at a window when we drive up to the door."

With seven brothers there must be quite a bit of work.

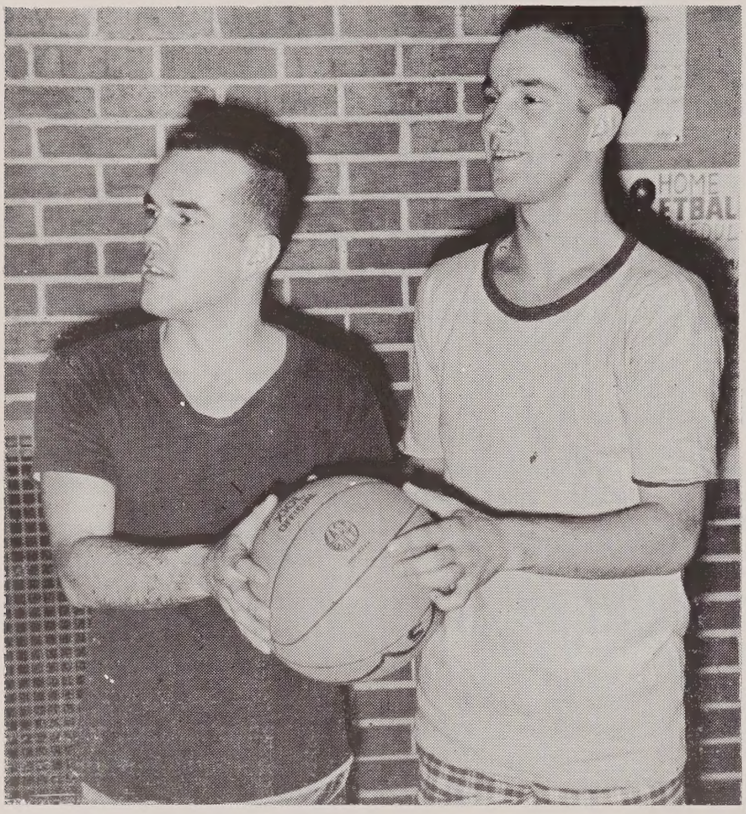
"Well . . . yes. One can say my work, up until I entered college, was cut and dry. What else can one do with this size family but wash, iron, clean and cook, plus babysitting for my parents when they decided to go out.

Is there any humorous situation that you would like to tell us?

I can't specifically remember a funny incident, however, there have been times when we've been in hysterics over something that has happened to one, two or even all of us. One incident I remember in particular is the time my mother and father had a snowball fight in the kitchen.

There is one thing I would like to say about this, and that is, I'm glad it's seven brothers and not seven sisters."

# SPORTS



BACKCOURT MEN. Optimistically viewing the remaining season are George Melican (left), and Dick (30 in one night) Lamothe.

## Lancers Plagued But Coach Remains Optimistic

**by JAMES ALLEN**
**Acorn Sports Editor**

Rebounding, shooting and injuries have plagued the Lancer offense the first half of the season coupled with several injuries to key ballplayers as they moved to a 4-6 won-loss count. But Coach Fran Dyson is optimistic about the forthcoming half.

Mr. Dyson said two-year veteran Bob Kulesza, recently released from the hospital where he had a cartilage removed from a knee, is expected to return in the next several days. Kulesza, a high scoring forward and top rebounder, has missed about all of the games played thus far. He was injured early in the opening game against Lowell.

Mr. Dyson attributes the average showing thus far to the lack of rebounding and occasional lapses into poor shooting slumps. Losses include a defeat to Assumption, a strong non-league opponent, Salem, Fitchburg and two apiece to Westfield and undefeated Rhode Island College.

**Dick Lamothe Returns**

In the last two games prior to this writing, the team rolled to a second victory over Lowell but dropped a thriller in double overtime to powerful Rhode Island, 86-80, despite a superb 33-point performance by the school's scoring-record-holder senior Steve Kokernak. Kokernak's performance was all the more remarkable in that Steve was held to a mere 3 points in the opening half. Incidentally, Rhode Island stands 9-0 at this writing to lead the New England Teachers College Conference standings.

Coupled with Kulesza's awaited return, is the return to action of former star Dick Lamothe. Lamothe returns from an absence of a year after starring as a freshman. Coach Dyson expects great things from the smooth guard and 30 point output in the Westfield game seems to support his expectations. Lamothe returned to uniform in a move to take up some of the slack caused by the loss of Mike Staiti, who has travel problems from remote Barre, Charlie O'Connor, lost because of ulcers, and Charlie Dix, who has a separated shoulder.

The injury nemesis has even hit Coach Dyson. The mentor had an operation on his right shoulder over the holidays and has been leading the team with his right arm in a sling. The shoulder, injured in high school football days, is expected to be in good shape by February however, and the coach's efficiency in practice sessions is expected not to be impaired.

**The Brighter Side**

The first string of late has included six-foot-three Don Cushing, bright Classical High alumnus, veteran Wally Moroski, source of many a rebound, George Albro, veteran playmaker, Kokernak, respected scorer in any game, and Lamothe. Not to be overlooked in any coach's sixth man, pint-sized George Melican. Melican, of late, has come off the bench to spark the team with yeoman service on several occasions. Kokernak is averaging 18 points a game with Moroski and Cushing also in double figures.

Coach Dyson hastily pointed out that Moroski, at six-two, and Cushing frequently have had to take the rebounding chores for the full 40 minutes. The move has led to both tiring late in the game forcing the shooters to limit shots to those of close range since they would get no second attempt. Particular jeopardy develops when Wally and Don get in foul trouble. Sorely missed are the rugged rebounders of last year, Jack Clifford and Bob Constanza.

Other varsity spot players who see much action are soph Joe Montimuro, Junior Frank Bositis and frosh Bob Evers and Bob Pahigian. With these players giving their maximum the Lancers could and doubtless will take a healthy share of the remaining 10 games.

CHEERLEADERS, the backbone of W.S.C. spirit.

# CLUB NEWS

## Student Organization Formed To Tax Library Violators

**NANCY WALKER**
**of the Acorn Staff**

One of the newest organizations to be found around campus is the Student Library Committee. This organization got its go ahead in a Student Council Meeting when the problem of overdue and missing books was discussed. It was argued that if the students had a committee that met with the library staff, not only would problems such as fines and lost books be solved but also problems of the students as the workings of the library, reserve books, closing hours could be discussed with the library staff, thus setting up a two-way communication system. There are two delegates appointed by each class president. Two meetings have been held so far, at which plans for a formal club and fine systems of other colleges studied. Dr. Riordan has been appointed faculty advisor. This organization is one formed for the benefit of all students, so get to know your representatives and voice your opinions, but most of all—Remember give everyone a fair chance — Return Books Promptly.

## Coronation of John XXIII Presented by Fr. Bagley

Members and guests of the Newman Club were extremely fortunate to witness an educational and beautiful slide-lecture on the death of Pope Pius XII, the election of Pope John XXIII, and the coronation of Pope John XXIII.

Fr. John Bagley, chaplain of the Newman Club, is excellently qualified in his presentation of such a program. Father had personal experiences with both Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII during his years of study at the American College in Rome. He took many of the slides himself and their sharpness and clarity attest to his proficiency as a photographer.

The subject matter of his lecture was of particular interest to history and social studies majors here at the college. Certainly the death of a Pope and the election-coronation of a new Pope are world wide in their effects, interest, and historical significance.

Fr. Bagley opened and closed the Newman Club meeting with the official Newman prayers.

A census of the Freshmen class will be taken during the month of January similar to the census that was taken last year among upper-classmen. Freshmen are reminded that they still have time to join the club. The dues are two dollars and may be paid to Dr. Busam or any Newman officer at any time.

## Volleyball & Skiing Head Activities

After a very successful first semester, the W.A.A. opens its activities for the second semester with a volleyball tournament involving girls from all classes. The teams have already been formed and are warming up for the first set of games on Friday, February 1st, during the Assembly Period from 11:00 to 12:00. The tournament will run for seven weeks with a double elimination play off. Each week the names of the teams and their opponents will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Two ski trips are also planned for the opening of second semester activities. The first trip will be to Mt. Tom on Saturday, February 2nd. The second trip is planned for February 9th, but the exact ski area is not definite at this time. All girls are invited to sign-up for either or both ski trips for a price of one dollar registration fee, plus rental of the equipment. There will be free transportation, instructions, and facilities at the ski area.

Besides these two activities this semester, the W.A.A. will be sponsoring a senior Life Saving Course and a Water Safety Instructor's Course.

Please check the bulletin-boards or see your class representative for further information concerning the W.A.A.

## DR. JONES REVIEWS I.R.C. CONSTITUTION

The I.R.C. has been envolved this past semester with the drawing up of a new Constitution which will be influential in all the club's affairs. The Constitution has been the work of a committee consisting of club members, Carol Amour, Tom Bostock, Barbara Andrzejczyk, Mary Jane Bousquet and Peter Chaplain, committee chairman. Dr. Francis Jones, as club advisor has worked closely with the group.

Work on the document is now complete; the club will present the new Constitution to its members at the first meeting of the second semester.

No further plans have been disclosed as yet for the coming months. Any further information regarding future I.R.C. events will be announced at a later date.

## SCHOLARSHIP SMORGASBORD

The annual Smorgasbord Supper will be presented by Student Christian Association on January 28, 1963 at Wesley Methodist Church, between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Each year the receipts of the smorgasbord contribute to the scholarship given to an incoming freshman.

After a rugged week of exams why not submit yourself to a real taste treat for only 99c. Tickets available from any member. We hope to see a good crowd there.

## FIVE PLAYS

Members of the Dramatic Club are busy preparing five one-act plays for presentation in February.

These plays offer students a chance at active participation and also give more experienced members of the Dramatic Club the opportunity of directing a play. Student directors are Arnold Burke, Roland Brunelle, and Betty Fargnioli.

As is traditional a major production of the Dramatic Club will be presented in the spring. Plans for this play are being made now.

**A.C.E. MEMBERS discuss problems of teaching with Miss Madelin Wilmarth.**

# CAN YOU IMAGINE?

**Ed Lominsky** winning an election . . . your name coming up at the meeting . . . **Betty O'Donnell** without her school spirit . . . **Phyllis Holt** being mistaken for Sophia Loren . . . **Frances Ciccarelli** in pigtails . . . **Mr. Foley** without his tools when a few mechanics are involved . . . being fined for overdue books . . . **Dean Shea** without his motivation . . . flunking physical education . . . **Mr. Gould** wearing the same necktie clasp every day . . . **Bob Kuleza** back on the basketball team . . . **Arthur Longwell** having another . . . **Dave Dillon** managing the Worcester Health Club . . . the track team having a successful season . . . not being able to type after the Junior year . . . going into the broom closet thinking you were going out of the classroom . . . **Dr. Holle** without his bird and worm collections . . . the builders starting work on the new addition.

**Virginia Haddad** reading the **Acorn** . . . Worcester State with a football team . . . **Dr. Morris** not defending Boston . . . having a basketball team without "desire" . . . going to a concert during the Christmas vacation . . . **Tony Prendergast** as the Jolly Green Giant . . . **Ann Smith** working at Friendly's . . . the science majors knowing what they are doing in the chemistry lab . . . **Mary Kaskan** not having a coke with her lunch . . . **Dick Fox**, a one time industrial league pitcher, being known as "Bullet" . . . **Ken Davis** without his wife to help him with his math problems . . . the corridor walls without drawings and posters . . . **Jerry Moynihan** not chasing **Maureen McCarthy** or vise versa . . . **Barbara Turgeon** as a blond . . . **George Bohigian** not worrying about his status in the college.

**Nancy Rainis** as a poet laureate . . . the best looking notebook in the Senior class belonging to **Frank Barbieri** . . . Mary Carpenter's real name, **Mary Carleton**, changing to Mary Olsta . . . **Barbara Bucinskas** in the peace corps . . . **Tom Henighan** without **Bill Grady** . . . **Bruce Pease** charming the Saint Peter's girls with his Marine uniform . . . the basketball team being supported . . . **Albert Petkus** playing the violin . . . W. S. C. having a girls' baskeball team . . . **Dottie Hargrove** getting to school on time.

**Annette LeBoeuf** without her dimples . . . **Bob McGrail** eating a small lunch . . . **Dan Masterson** not being out with the boys every night . . . **Dan Fitzgerald** doing ten push-ups . . . **Chuck Foley's** name not being mentioned in the **Acorn** . . . **Dave Bottom** doing the chicken scratch . . . **Jim Allen** and **Ron Tupper** each having a family of at least seven . . . **Pat Joyce** not studying . . . **Doc. Osborn** not being able to do a problem . . . **Fred Glodis** having overdue books from Clark University . . . the Junior year being the easiest academic year . . . **Dr. Hedman's** history classes being boring . . . the art room on the first floor . . . **Ron Sullivan** getting married . . . **Pete Tegius** with a crew-cut . . . **Mr. Davis** without his visual aids . . . doing units and term papers without **Dr. Griffith's** research library . . . the A. C. E. without **Miss Wilmarth** . . . **Martha McCue** not talking.

**Al Johnson** and **Phil Halloran** not thinking about girls . . . the faculty submitting up-to-date pictures for the yearbook . . . **Steve Kokernack** not hitting double figures . . . not having snow for the winter carnival . . . **Dr. Jones** without his bust sculptures . . . **Fran Shea** disagreeing with his teachers . . . **Joe Mayotte** being the most wanted bachelor on campus . . . the **Acorn** changing its name . . . the Seniors winning the snow sculpturing event . . . **Rosalie Leone** finishing Shubert's Unfinished Symphony . . . **Duca** being offered twenty bucks for that thing he drives . . . **Ken Mahan** doing his best lesson plans at 2 a.m. . . . **Greg Zink** without **Francis Walsh** . . . **Don Shea** bowling with the seam in the seat of his pants ripped . . . being through with mid-year exams.

**ME WORRY? The three seniors who apparently aren't bothered by the thought of Mid-Year Exams are (l. to r.) Joe Mayotte, Bob McGrail, and Art Longwell.**

## Prom

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Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. Busam, Dr. and Mrs. G. Flint Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Riordon, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scannell, Mr. Achille Joyal, Miss Vera Dowden, Mr. Joseph Lonergan, and Miss Katherine Shea.

**Prom Committees**

Under the excellent supervision of the Social Chairmen, Janice Hokanson and Mary-Ellen Plotczyk, the various committees and assistants worked diligently and efficiently to make their Freshman Prom a precious memory. The capable leaders of the committees were John McGowan, Beth Tracy, and Ralph Mastrario the band; Helen Leone, Jean Maskie, and Linda Morse the decorations; Brenda Vanderse, and Susan Stark the table decorations; Alice Poisson, Mary Shea, and Nancy Rainis the refreshments; and Bob McGinis and William McCann the lights.

"And though it dies . . . it leaves a mem'ry glowing in our hearts."

# BEAT

Well the New Year is here with elopements, engagements, marriages, plenty of studies, and promises of better things to come . . . Many things have been happening at Worcester State since the last issue of the **Acorn** which seems so long ago . . . A list of favorite hobbies of a certain freshman biology class includes "squirrel watching." Is this a daylight version of counting stars? . . . The **Acorn** has been told that if anyone is in need of a dress see **Barbara Racicot**—she has her own "rental service"! . . . There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is **not** being talked about.

Congratulations are in order for the following students who gave or received "a girl's best friend": **Sophomores, Leslie Page, Wally Moroski, and Pat Kelley. Juniors Pauline McKeon, Joan Hobson, Nancy Hospod, Mary Ellen Brown, Stanley Krog, Andrew Kozak, Tom Collins, Robert Larocque**, and **Al Thibodeau. Seniors Carolyn Gendron, Virginia Haddad, Anne Schollard, Joan Tetrault, Ruth Longjso**, and **Marguerite Sinkiewicz** . . . Congratulations also to those students who got engaged but didn't tell anyone . . . While we are passing out congratulations here left and right, we must offer best wishes to Junior Robert Carraher who tied the knot during Christmas vacation.

Ralph Waldo Emerson gives us a thought to ponder with the finals approaching: "What is the hardest task in the world? To think." . . . Were Matt Ryan and John Rena really "water boys" at the Frosh Prom? . . . Jr. Sec. 1V is the only section that we know of that has the distinction of having one of its members elope during the the vacation . . . Plans for the Winter Carnival are shaping up. Wonder who'll win the skit? **We hope that competition will be honest**—we can do without the J & S gossip crowd . . . Around the campus dept.: It has been said that the W.A.A. will offer more material to the **Acorn** to help

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# WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL RECORDS

**TEAM RECORDS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Most points in one game | 109 | versus Westfield | 1962 |
| Most field goals in one game | 46 | versus Keene | 1957 |
| Most free throws in one game | 30 | versus Westfield | 1962 |
| Best season (percentage) | 16-2 | .888 | 1955-56 |
| Most wins | 17 | 1959-60; 1960-61; | 1961-62 |
| Best winning streak | 8 | Dec. 7, 1959 - Jan. 16, | 1960 |

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Most points in one game | 36 | Steve Kokernak | 1962 |
| | 36 | Bill Ferris | 1955 |
| Most field goals in one game | 15 | Bill Ferris | 1956 |
| Most free throws in one game | 13 | Bill Ferris | 1952 |
| Most points scored (4 years) | 1152 | Kokernak | |
| Most points scored (1 year) | 428 | Kokernak | 1962 |
| Best season average | 21.1 | Paul King | 1952 |

## Predictions

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5) wish will come true . . . Next Christmas will be a good time for Jr. El. 1 and diamonds . . . Janet Vania will surprise everyone and get an A in physics . . . Grace Varrichione will just be . . . Lancer's will still gain a berth in the New England State College Basketball tourney despite early season losses . . . Freshman Carolyn Zelesky will definitely make the Dean's List . . . Winter Carnival skit competition will be hot . . . No one will be interested in trying out the buttons on the wall phones. How about it, R. S." Paul Sjoman will wear glass guards in the gym from now on . . . Barbara Debs (F-9) will not have her quarters changed in the cafeteria anymore . . . Dick Clifford S-1 will not get a flat tire for the whole of 1963 . . . Sophomore girls waited for a formal class invitation before they got dates for the Freshman Prom . . . A new rule will be in: no students to correct Jr. El. psychology papers . . . Judy O'Connell S-3 will have many poems published before the year ends . . . **W. S. C. could have an interscholastic football team in the fall of '63 if the students rally for it . . .** Senior Pat Barron will start raising deer. . . .

## Perils Of The Postal Worker

**by ROBERTA CHICOINE**
**of the Acorn Staff**

With the close of Christmas vacation, college students return to classes with various collections —diamonds flicker on fingers and boys wear new hand knit sweaters. But a few students return with more than that as a remembrance of a well spent vacation. I am referring to that select group of "rain, snow and sleet" guys, and girls too, who managed to secure a job as a postal employee. Beside that much needed and most likely already spent money, they boast many a crippled arm or shoulder from sorting mail, and are probably still carrying an empty rubbing alcohol compound in their possession. For years, the government refused to hire women as mail sorters, and now, several backrubs later, I understand why.

But please don't misconstrue my words. I am not by any means complaining. My week spent as a sorter has been chalked up as most rewarding, monetary and otherwise.

Those approximately fifty little pidgeon holes into which I tossed mail became like home to me and I grew to love the semi-sloped position in which I sat (I was among the lucky few). Luckily too, someone forsaw the day of the short female mailman and made seats adjustable, with the help of three others, to any height. I quickly learned that all postal people are very friendly, and despite the Christmas rush still retain the highest spirit of the season. Mailmen sing and hang mistletoe and do all sorts of jolly things. Also, in the Post Office, everyone has a nickname, such as "Macky Doodle" and "Mister Clean". Mine ranged from "Bob" to "Hey, you".

During that week preceding Christmas I learned many things: you can fit breakfast, lunch and coffee break into a half hour; the nice boss yells when someone puts packages into the mail sorter; it is easier to tie yourself up than to tie a stack of mail; and that children really do mail their letters to Santa. I also found out that there actually is an Old Furnace, Massachusetts and that there is a lot more to putting the mail through than licking a stamp and dropping a letter in the slot.

## Chandler St. Beat

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publicize the numerous events that it conducts . . . Culture dept.: The most popular song in this school during exam week will be "Crying," and the most popular poem will be "An Epitaph" . . . How many of us were still groggy from New Year's Eve and had to miss New Year's Day football games and festivities to type up term papers and units that were due the day back from vacation?

**Next year we'll get a few extra days off to recuperate from vacation, if you want to call it that** . . . Wouldn't it be great to see a television program — just one — any one? . . . **Anne Baily F-1** is cherishing her Christmas photo of herself on Santa's lap . . . For Junior Elementaries who will be going out practice teaching: Training means learning the rules. Experience means learning the exceptions . . . Quotable quote: **Married men are merely bachelors who weakened under the strain** . . . Until next time Good Luck and, perhaps a few prayers on the finals; and remember that more errors arise from inhibited indecision than from impulsive behavior. **P. P. S.**

## Folk Singer

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Mr. Clauson, designated as "America's greatest folk song singer" by United Press International, says: "Folk songs should change with the times," and warns

**William Clauson**

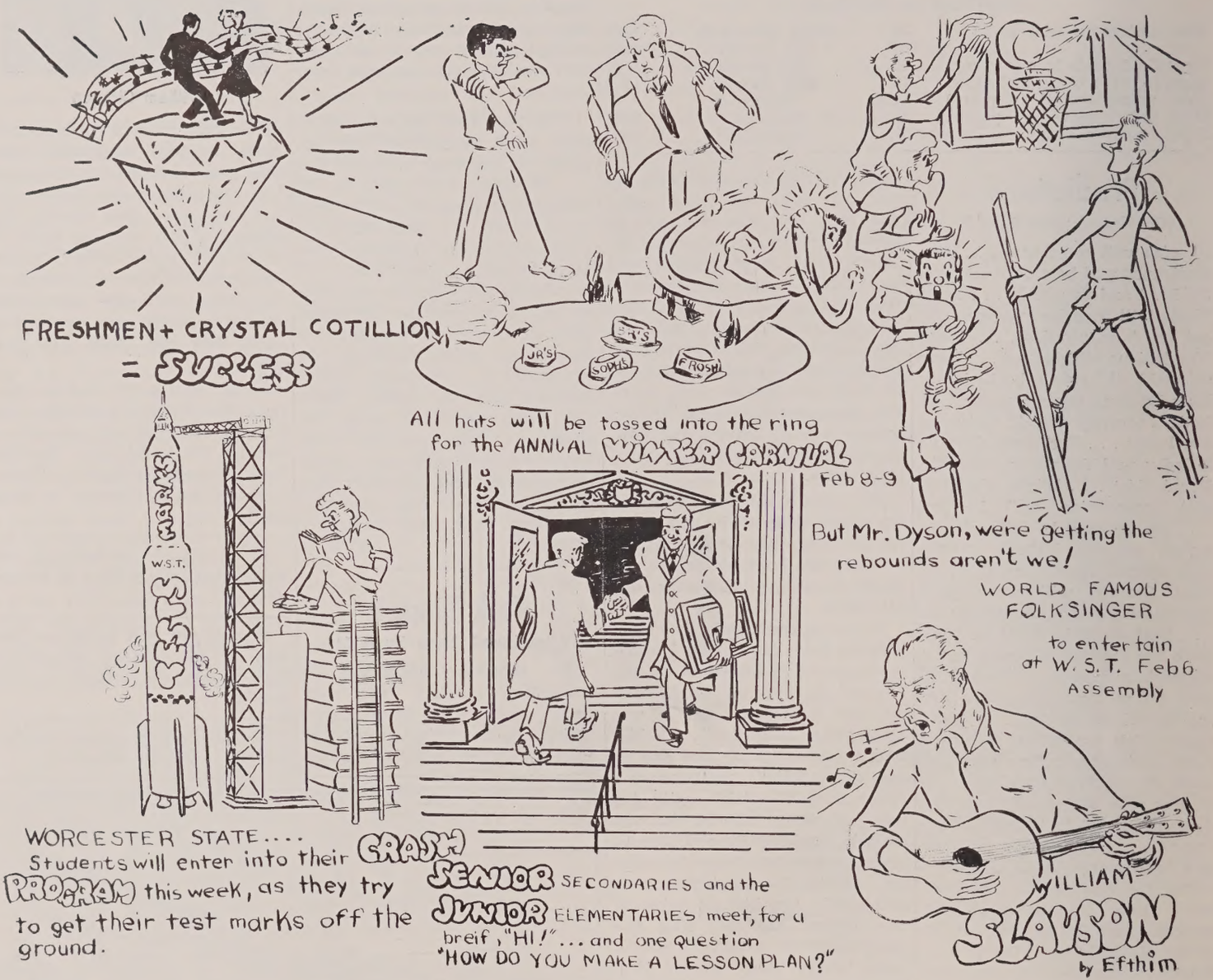
the current group of "hootenanny" (folk singing) specialists that they may be destroying folk singing. "If folk song singers are just copy cats, they destroy the essence of folk singing, which is essentially improvisation. A folk song singer should be a free agent to change melodies and lyrics according to his own inspiration; that's how folk songs grow and develop."

Under contract to Capital Records, Mr. Clauson is steadily adding to his list of recordings. Among his latest are: "A William Clauson Concert", "Scandinavia", and "Clauson in Mexico".

Early to bed and early to rise makes you soon able to do otherwise.

It was not the apple on the tree but the pair on the ground that caused the trouble in the garden.

Flirtation is the art of gaining attention without intention.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= SUCCESS
JR'S
SOPHS
FROSH
All hats will be tossed into the ring for the ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL Feb 8-9
But Mr. Dyson, we're getting the rebounds aren't we!
WORLD FAMOUS FOLKSINGER
to entertain at W. S. T. Feb 6 Assembly
WILLIAM SLAYSON
by Efthim
W.S.T.
MARKS
TESTS
WORCESTER STATE....
Students will enter into their PROGRAM this week, as they try to get their test marks off the ground.
CRASH
SENIOR SECONDARIES and the
JUNIOR ELEMENTARIES meet, for a breif, "HI!"... and one question
"HOW DO YOU MAKE A LESSON PLAN?"

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## Classes Prepare To Battle For Winter Carnival Trophy

by JOHN MONFREDO
of the Acorn Staff

"The Winter Carnival," the social extravaganza of the year will officially get underway tomorrow, with the presentation of the Senior skit. It will be followed by the Freshman skit on Wednesday, the Sophomore skit on Thursday, and the Junior skit on Friday. Class competition will prevail in all areas on a system of points that has been worked out according to the worth of the event. The skit will be worth 30 points, with members of the Student Council serving as judges. Points wil be given on the basis of originality of theme and its presentation.

Friday night will start the big "Winter Carnival" weekend. It will consist of the inter-class basketball playoffs, and a faculty-senior volleyball game. After the athletic events, there will be a Jazz festival and dance in the college gym until midnight.

### Climax Saturday

Saturday's activities begin with ping-pong competition between men and women. Co-ed volleyball and basketball also will be held. These events like the others, will be based on a scoring system. Perhaps the most exciting event of the afternoon will be the snow sculpturing contest. Each class will have a try at creating its own masterpiece for the 30 points given for this event. Judging for the outstanding masterpiece of art will be made by faculty members chosen by the Student Council.

The Climax will take place Saturday evening with the Winter Carnival Ball. At this affair, Herb Morrill, President of the Student Council, will present a trophy to the winning class. The finale of the Ball will be the crowning of Miss Winter Carnival of 1963.

This is the third annual student-council-sponsored Winter Carnival, and with the support of the **entire** student body this weekend can be without a doubt the finest ever at our college. SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S WINTER CARNIVAL BY ATTENDING.

## The Artistic Touch

How many times have you glanced out of a window and seen children having a wonderful time in the snow, seemingly without a care in the world, making you yearn to be their age again? It probably entered your mind that you'd love to be back in grammar school again, with one of your major problems that of deciding what to make with the snow.

College students throughout the country have found a way to lead them back to the carefree world of childhood during winter, for at least a few hours, with snow sculpturing.

At Worcester State, snow-sculpturing is becoming increasingly poular each year during the winter carnival. It is a focal point of the intramural competition, with coveted class points the reward for the most ingenious sculptures.

The snow-sculpturing activity is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to forget your problems, and to set the right mood for the remainder of the winter carnival.

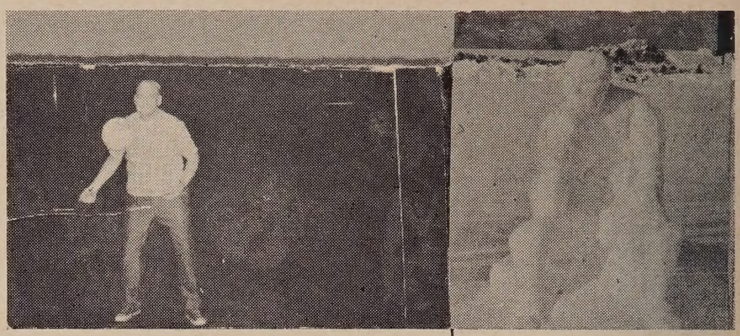
'Tis the time for the Carnival as everyone knows,
Competition is keen, hope everybody goes.
Classes are scheming for a trophy's the prize,
But the Juniors are in for a real big surprise.
The Playoffs are Friday in the gym they'll be,
And the faculty game — you'll just have to see!
A dance in the lounge after the sports are done,
Especially for scratchers — it ought to be fun.
On Saturday morning the games will start,
Both players and cheerers will have a part.
The afternoon will bring an artist or two
To fashion the sculpture, if any snow is due.
The ball in the evening will be a delight,
With dreamy music and hearts alight.
A perfect time for a night of romance
And a weekend of fun, laughter and dance.

## '63 Carnival, Success Or Failure For The College?

Now that it's Winter Carnival time again, the classes will go into great competition against one another. This competition between the classes was originally meant to be friendly, but it has lately turned into a life and death struggle which is carried on every day of the school year. This is not good! **We should add to the school as a whole through our classes, not to our classes as a whole through the school.**

Competition is necessary in a democratic society for progress, but it should not be waged in such a way as to eliminate unity. As a famous American once said, "United we stand, divided we fall." So let's make this Winter Carnival a success for our school, not just a success for our class.

# A Glimpse of What Is To Come



Come and see Dr. Saunders do it again.

The Thinker wonders who will win.

## Winter Carnival Point System

**SNOW SCULPTURE**
1st — 30 2nd — 22.5 3rd — 15 4th — 7.5

**FRIDAY NITE BASKETBALL**
1st — 20 2nd — 15 3rd — 10 4th — 5

**SATURDAY CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**
1st — 10 2nd — 7.5 3rd — 5 4th — 2.5

**SKIT**
1st — 20 2nd — 15. 3rd — 10 4th — 5

**SATURDAY BASKETBALL**
1st — 10 2nd — 7.5 3rd — 5 4th — 2.5

**TABLE TENNIS**

(men's singles)
1st — 2 2nd — 1.5 3rd — 1 4th — .5

(men's doubles)
1st — 3 2nd — 2.25 3rd — 1.5 4th — .75

Women's singles and doubles table tennis matches will be scored by the same system used for the men's competition.

## Over The Net to Victory — Who Will Win?

## Time Schedule Of Events — Make Plans Now!

**Friday—8th**

6:30—Basketball — intraclass competition
8:00—Volleyball — faculty vs. student
9:00-1:00—Jazz Concert

**Saturday—9th**

10:00—Women and men volleyball
11:00—Men basketball
1:00—Men and women single table tennis
1:30—Men and women double table tennis
3:00—Snow sculpture — judging by 3 faculty members

Judging of skits done by student council as in previous years.

**Admission**

Friday—game and dance — $1.25 each; $2.50 couple
Saturday—dance (semi - formal) $2.50, couples only

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**QUEEN OF THE WINTER CARNIVAL BALL. Marilyn McKay, Junior Elementary, was chosen queen of the Winter Carnival, "Snowflake Fantasy" on the night of the ball.**

## "Snowflake Fantasy" Ball Ends Carnival Festivities

Saturday evening, February 9th, the WSC gymnasium was the site of the "Snowflake Fantasy" Ball. This Ball marked the end of a full day of class competition. Approximately three-hundred couples "tripped the light fantastic" to the music of Jerry Hedin and his musicians. Hedin and his troopers put everyone in a romantic mood by playing tunes from "West Side Story," "Musicman," "Picnic," and "South Pacific.'

As the orchestra played "Hey, Look Me Over," the faculty chose the queen and her attendants. Marilyn McKay, a junior, was crowned queen. Her attractive Court included freshman Elizabeth Tracy, senior Regina Houston, senior Diane Evans, freshman Diane Anderson, and soph-

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## Sophs Capture '63 Carnival Honors

**by ANNE-MARIE BERNIER**
**of the Acorn staff**

Once again a Sophomore Class has won the Winter Carnival trophy.. This year, the class of 1965 came through as the victors in this year's weekend of inter-class competition. The Sophomores managed to place first in the skit competition and the snow sculpturing, whch put them seven points ahead of the Juniors, and made them the winning class. The competition was close between these two classes, but in the final counting of points, the Sophomores emerged victorious.

The Carnival began on Tuesday during assembly period, and continued the rest of the week, with each class presenting a skit advertising the coming weekend. The Carnival itself got underway on Friday night, when the Juniors and Sophomores battled it out on the basketball court. Tom Collins, Junior, scored a tremendous amount of points and led the Juniors to victory over the Sophomores. Later on in the evening, the traditional volleyball game between the Faculty and Seniors was held. True to the custom, the athletic and agile Faculty "bounced" their way to victory, even without one of their staunchest players, Dr. Carleton Saunders, who was unable to be there. This was the first volley-

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**ARTIST AT WORK — Sophomore Dick Bailey puts the finishing touches on his ballet fantasy decorating the cafeteria windows during Carnival Week. (See story on page 6)**

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# Better Planning Needed For Next Year's Winter Carnival

Now that Winter Carnival time is over, and we must return to our books, let us look back and take a glance at what has taken place.

In a complete over-all view, the carnival was a great success. The school spirit of the students was displayed in the good clean competition between the classes. The Carnival Ball proved to be the biggest success with a large attendance from all classes. But let us utilize some constructive criticism in order to aid n making next year's Winter Carnival a bigger success.

At the top of the lst is the idea of planning. There seemed to be many last minute decisions by the student council instead of a well organized and thoroughly planned group of activities. Also, since this is one of the largest events durng the school year, it should have had one of the largest displays of publicity.

In Friday night's activities, the sporting events were fine, but what happened to the jazz concert that was scheduled. The informal dance was enjoyable, except to the people who paid $1.25 to see a jazz concert.

Saturday morning and afternoon was successful to those who attended, but what about the majority that could not attend because of parttime jobs. The student council should try to work out this important problem for next year, so that these students may attend at least some of the sporting events without losing their needed wages. Saturday night's ball was a huge success in attendance with only the item of decorations needing improvements.

Hoping that we have not stepped on anyone's toes with our attempt at constructive criticism, we are sure that next year's Winter Carnival will be an even greater success after the solving of this year's problems.

**by the Editorial Board of the Acorn Staff**

# OUR WINTER CARNIVAL EXTRA

**"A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words"**

We have used this age-old adage in putting together our 1963 Winter Carnival Supplement. It would have been impossible to write stories about everything that took place during "Snowflake Fantasy" weekend, so we did the next best thing—we took pictures. Acorn staff photographers Steve Keenan, Franny Deignan, and a special photographer brought in by the Acorn staff took pictures of almost everything and anything. We hope your picture is included but if it is not, maybe you did not attend the Carnival.

## Carnival

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ball competition Dr. Saunders has missed, but he was there rooting the Faculty on in spirit.

**Window Decorations**

The climatic event of the evening was the jazz concert by Boots Mazzooli. During the concert, which turned out to be more of a dance than a concert, refreshments were served. Perhaps many of the students would have preferred a jazz concert that was strictly a concert, but all in all, everyone seemed to enjoy getting into the "swing of things" by dancing.

Upon entering the "new building" of the school, one could not help but observe a new tradition which began at last year's Winter Carnival. On the windows of the building were two ballerinas dancing on snowflakes. On the cafeteria windows were two more ballerinas, a man and a woman. All the credit for these decorations goes to Dick Bailey who designed and completed the windows. Dick has also put his talent to work on this paper, as one of the artists.

Saturday morning was a beautiful winter day, a day full of work and play for those competing in Saturday's Carnival offerings — sports and snow sculpturing. For the sports fans, competition was in volleyball, ping pong, and basketball. While the sports events were going on, members of each of the classes were busy piling up snow to make their sculptures. At three o'clock, the sculptures emerged and awaited the judging by members of the Faculty. The Sophs representation of "Aladdin and the Genie" was chosen the winner, with the Frosh's "snoopy in the Doghouse" running a close second. The Juniors' "Skier" and Seniors' "Mermaid" came in third and fourth respectively.

**Winter Carnival Ball**

The culmination of the weekend occurred Saturday night with the Winter Carnival Ball. Attendance at the Ball was excellent, with the gymnasium filled to capacity. Although the Sophomores were presented with the Winter Carnival Trophy, a Junior, Marilyn McKay, was crowned queen, and reigned over the Ball. Music for the evening was provided by Jerry Hedin and his orchestra. As the evening progressed, evidence of its success was shown by almost full attendance through the last dance of the evening. The dance marked the end of this year's Winter Carnival, and the end of competition among the classes until next year. As the Carnival drew to a close, some underclassmen were busily planning next year's strategy.

## Trophy Presentation

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omore Marie Reynolds.

**Presentation of Trophy**

Perhaps the most exciting event of the evening occurred when Student Council President, Herb Morrill, handed the Winter Carnival trophy to Sophomore class president, David Moskal. The Junior and senior classes, with President Ronald LaFrance and Vice-President Steve Kokernak, received placques commemorating their second and third place finishes. Then, the last place freshmen, received a specially copper decorated bucket to signify their fourth-placed finish. This was presented to freshman class President Terry Fitzgerald.

Invited guests were President and Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Vera Dowden, Mr. and Mrs. William Masterson, Mr. Joseph Lonergan, Dr. Elizabeth Barlow, Miss Helen Smith, Mr. Thomas Carpenter, and Mr. and Mrs. Vianny Ferland.

At the stroke of midnight the ballroom grew dim, and the lords and ladies departed curtaining the Winter Carnival festivities for the year 1963.

"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE!" That is the question. Whether 'tis nobler to unroll the paper covering the girl, or to let her smother!

# SOPHOMORE CREW "SAILS" TO VICTORY

Sophomores fought their way through a rough sea of competition to win the winter carnival skit. A crew of anxious sophomores were on their way to WSC with the winning skit when attacked by prize-hungry pirates wishing to capture the plans. The pirates, however were thrown overboard, and the happy crew sailed on to original songs set to the music of "H.M.S. Pinafore."

In 3rd place were the juniors, with "Cinderfella." A narrator related the story of Cinderfella who had two ugly stepbrothers and a mean stepmother. An invitation to the winter carnival ball at Worcester State was the occasion for a great transformation of Cinderfella which enabled him to attend the ball. He danced all night with the queen of the ball, but at the stroke of midnight ran away. The queen, however, had found Cinderfella's shoe, and this led to a search by which the queen found Cinderfella.

Seniors placed 2nd with their presentation of "Prinderella." Twisted words plus take-offs on some television commercials both added originality to the skit and provided much enjoyment by the spectators. Prinderella had "oo subly tepsisters" and a "sean mepmother." The Worcester State ball was attended by very elite guests, and Prinderella was the true belle of the ball.

Freshmen presented a skit telling why the American college student is different all over the world. A secret service agent was sent from Russia to spy on the "politically dangerous" w i n t e r carnival at Worcester State. The climax came when the snow sculpture was unveiled — the Statue of Liberty.

LOOK WHO'S IN THE DOGHOUSE NOW! Snoopy need not worry about being lonesome any more with the addition of Freshman Janice Hokenson.

"PRINDERELLA!" But mother, if you step on my fingers I won't be able to darn my dear, beautiful sisters' stockings.

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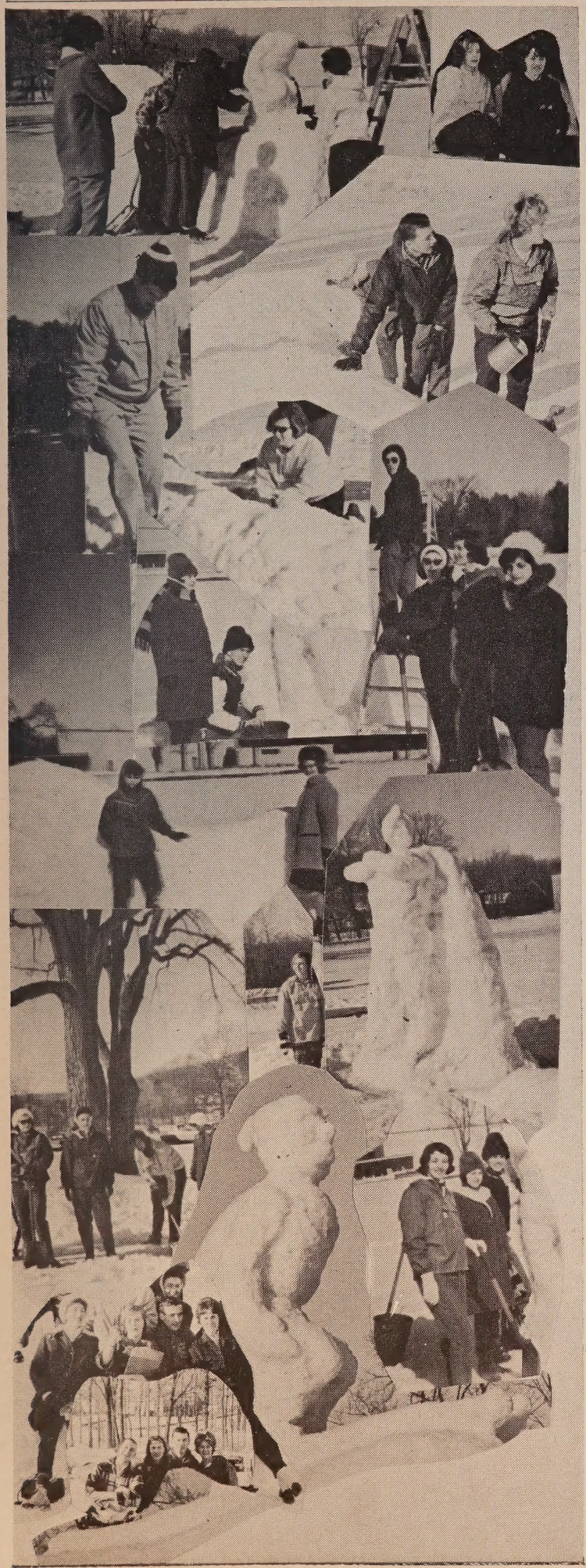
"TWEET, TWEET, FEAR NOT CINDERFELLA." There was Cinderfella, tied down to the drudgery of housework, when along came the birds to cheer him up. Said Cinderfella, housework's for the birds!



# Talented Sophomore Creates Fantasy

by MARY ANN DELETTI
of the Acorn Staff

The ballet is a classical spectacle of a certain theme set to beautiful music, lavishly staged and interpreted in dance. The grace, harmony, fluency and elegance of motion of the ballet certainly set an excellent stage for events and activities of the 1963 Worcester State Winter Carnival.

**Atmosphere of Poise and Grace**

The theme of this year's winter carnival, "Snow Flake Fantasy", suggests a variety of moods and expressions. Talented Sophomore Dick Bailey and "right arm" Bekki Gay made up a committee of two instructed to depict on the glass walls enclosing the entrance to the cafeteria an expression of the carnival theme. They chose to add an atmosphere of poise and gentle grace to the glamour and excitement of the winter carnival. This was accomplished through the very skillful creation of four delicately posed ballet dancers.

Two ballerinas, realistically painted in blue tights and tule skirt and holding a very graceful first "arabasque" pose, flanked the entrance to the cafeteria lobby. Over the doors, semetrically arranged and printed in blue lettering, was the winter carnival theme, "Snow Flake Fantasy". The center panel of the cafeteria wall beheld an excellently done "pas de deux" ballet movement which was surrounded by a scattering of blue snowflakes.

**His "Right Hand Girl"**

Dick, known throughout the school for his fine creative ability, drew each figure free hand and with the aid of Bekki's guiding eye was able to achieve remarkable proportionality by having her stand at a distance from his work to catch any imperfections. His procedure in doing the figures was also to paint the two ballarinas, at first, entirely in blue and then add the black shading and flesh colors. In the "pas de deux" pose this was not done so that the painting could be viewed from either side. The paint used was ordinary water paint.

The class of 1965 should not only be congratulated for capturing top honors in the competitive events of the winter carnival, but should also receive praise for the fine job done in creating a winter carnival atmosphere in the entrance and lobby of the cafeteria. Our hats go off to Dick Bailey and so many of the other sophomores whose creative efforts through out the entire winter carnival achieved success for the Sophomore Class.

# Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture

by GEMA SERMUKSNIS
of the Acorn Staff

As if magicians of old, the Sophomore class worked wonders. They shaped from meaningless masses of snow, a tall figure overlooking an adoring subject and a magic lamp. The face was sculptured and stern, the headdress regal, the boy Aladdin subserviant. For originality and presentation the judging committee voted this sculpture Number 1. Dick Bailey of the Class of 1965 deserves the credit for the prize winner.

Freshmen pulled second place with the cartoon character Snoopy in the dog house. Ears erect and a bone nearby, he presented a clever picture.

The third placing Seniors designed a reclining mermaid. Considering the time of year the sculpture proved to be novel.

The Junior class slid into fourth place with a skier on a miniature ski slope.

**"Time to Spare"**

The Sophomore and Junior presentations were finished with time to spare. Seniors and Freshmen worked till the 3 o'clock deadline. The Senior brigade still carried water as the minute hand approached the vertical.

The day was pleasant, the snow crusty but the classes willing and able. Congratulations to the winner and hope to the losers.

# Inter-Class Game Won By Juniors

**Juniors Edge Seniors 53-44**

**in Inter-Class Championship**

The Winter Carnival inter-class playoff was taken from the "class of 63" by the Juniors for the second year in a row. The combined shooting abilities of Bob Latino, Jim Garvey, and Tom Collins accounted for 89% of the Junior points. Bob Latino's quick moves about the key enabled him to score 14 points, Jim Garvey's manipulations about the bucket proved good for 16 points, and Tom Collins' outside shots added 17 more points to the Juniors 53 point total. Al Petkus and John O'Connor each hit three points, while teammates Dave Dillon and Joe Davenport did a fine job passing and rebounding.

**Zone Defense**

The Seniors, employing a man-to-man game, led the way for the first half. The lead was then interchanged up until the final five minutes. A two-one-two zone was used effectively by the Juniors with the big men doing the board work.

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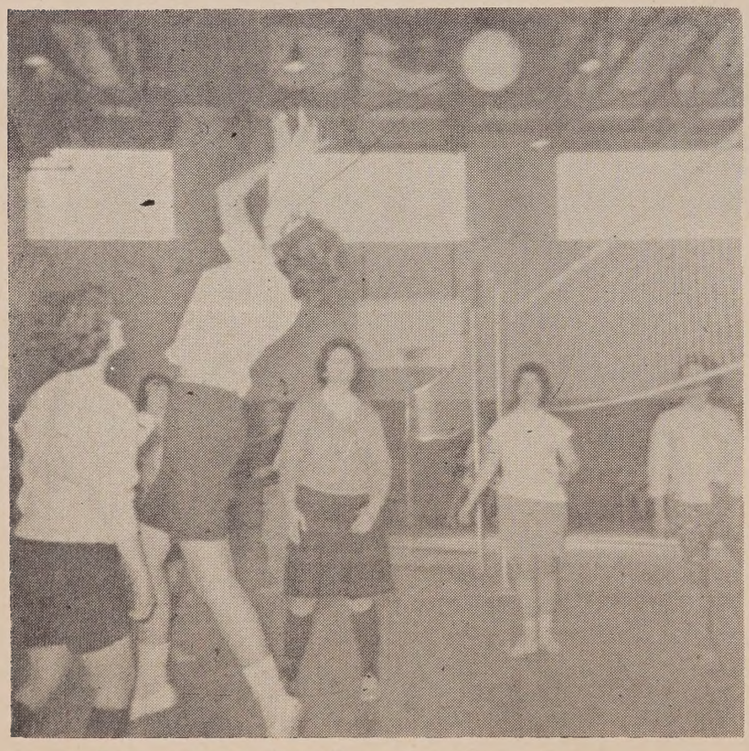
**"HEY, LOOK US OVER." Lend these girls an ear: These are the Junior Volleyball champs, who soared on to victory during the Carnival. From left to right, Pat Joyce, Nancy Walker, Charlotte Heffernan, Ricky Lamonda, Helen Riggs, Betty Brierly, and Gerry Kennedy.**



**AND AWAY WE GO! Will the ball go over the net? Anxious "volleyballers" watch in tense anticipation as a team member trys to hit the ball over the net.**

# Juniors Dominate Sports Activities

Junior victories in all events but one, and a disputed score in the Sophomore-Junior basketball game, highlighted the athletic activities of the Winter Carnival last Saturday. The Juniors, paced by Bob Latino's 11 points, won the basketball final defeating the Freshmen 40-34. Emil Routhier scored 10 points for the losers.

Most of the excitement took place in the Sophomore-Junior game though. With a little more than two minutes showing on the clock, a tally of the official score sheets showed the electric scoreboard to be wrong.

Posted on the board was a 36-32 score with the Sophs in the lead. But the official totals were 35 for the Sophs and 33 for the Juniors. In other words a fairly comfortable lead shrunk to just two points.

This reporter was running the clock at the time and evidently gave a foul shot to the Sophs that belonged to the Juniors. This inadvertent error may very well have led to the Sophomore defeat. While not taking anything away from the victors, it must be brought to mention here. The score dictates to a major degree the tactics of a team.

Yours truly accepts full responsibility for his part in the dispute, and the ensuing embarrassment it caused everyone concerned. However, this unfortunate occurrence may be indicative of a need for better organization at inter-class and inter-mural competitions. So much for the excuses.

Brian Sullivan scored 20 points for the losers and Joe Davenport had 15 for the winners.

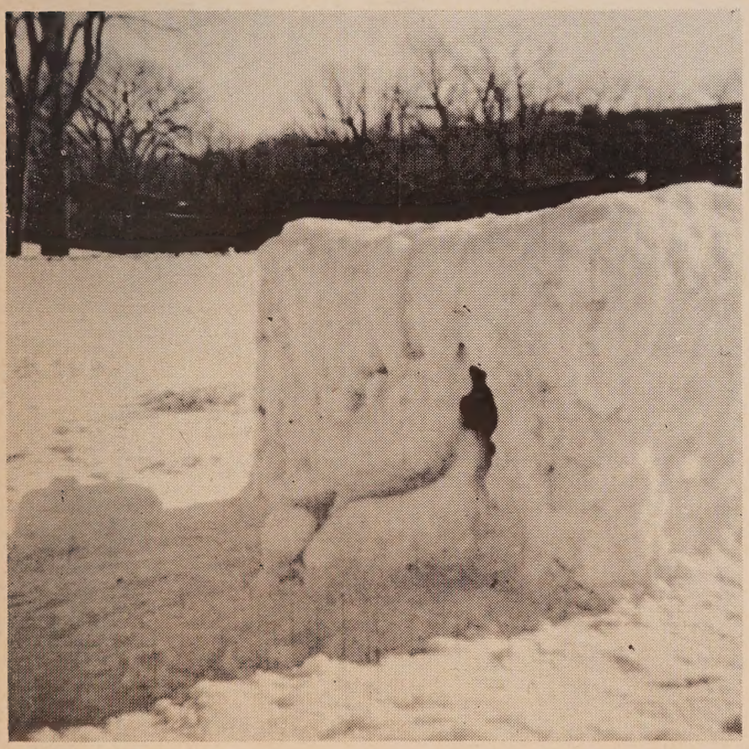
The Juniors lost the men's doubles table tennis matches to the Seniors. Fred Glodis and Jim Romano were the gentlemen who broke the Junior monopoly. Outside of that, the third-year men took first place in volleyball, both men and women; men's singles and women's singles and doubles in the table tennis matches.

Neil Cronin

# A Look at Masterpieces of Snow

FIRST PLACE (Sophs)

SENIORS (Show)



FROSH (Place)

JUNIORS (Last??)

# FRIDAY NIGHT'S CARNIVAL EVENTS

**JUNIOR SECONDARY GIRLS AT PLAY. Taking off a night from studies, this candid was taken of some hard working Junior Secondary girls enjoying a restful night during the Winter Carnival.**

# Jazz Concert

**ROBERTA CHICOINE**
**of the Acorn Staff**

A good size crowd swayed to the sounds of Boots Mazzooli's jazz band that highlighted Friday night of the Winter Carnival.

Despite a slightly progressive style, the music was flexible for all tastes. Obviously aiming to please, the jazz combo from the Crystal Room, Milford presented variations of all the favorite dance tunes from most happy polkas to a rousing "Havanna Gilla."

Best received of the evening were an excellent version of Desinato Bossa Nona, "Fly Me To The Moon" and very danceable slower moods that included a light and airy "Stardust."

Only regret of the evening came from "true jazz lovers" who would have liked to "just listen" to the jazz that the combo was very capable of playing, rather than dance to it.

**GO, MAN, GO! Boots and his band really rocked the old gymnasium on Friday night.**

# Carnival Capers In a "Nutshell"

**by MIKE MULCAHY**
**of the Acorn Staff**

The teacher's roll definitely requires a knowledge of dramatic acting and skit week not only proved this point, but it demonstrated that some people in this college have a great command of acting ability. Will Dufour, the producer, director, technician, designer, and also through coincidence the star, who led the "Sophomore Ship" on to victory has been offered a singing contract from the Liver Livestock Dairy Association. It's understandable why pirate George Taylor didn't try out for the college choir.

It was really something watching Bob Kuleza doing his hamming off the basketball court. George "Mouse" Melican and Tom "Birdie" Collins were second to none in their dancing and singing routine. Also previewing for the Juniors was Bill "Sea Hunt" Lynch.

**Frosh Art Work**

The Seniors two-step sisters, Peg Moran and Shelia "Richard" Hartnett were by no means shy when they tried on the lost shoe. It seems as though Elaine "Provincetown" Karpowich was walking around in shoe boxes with snaps. A second look removed all doubt—that was Martha O'Leary as the good fairly Godmother and Carolyn Lockwood as the stepmother.

As for the Freshmen—the art work was good and even if they had time for more than one rehearsal, the competition was still a bit too stiff.

In the honor and glory field, Ron Sullivan lost his tooth playing basketball for the Seniors while Sophomore Dan Masterson, received a punctured shoulder along with a tetnus shot for his efforts. Friday night's action saw Joe "the Aggressor" Davenport, Dave "the Knee" Dillon, Tom "I'll Shoot" Collins, Bob "Hopedale Hornet" McNamara, John "the Set" O'Connor, Jim "Way up" Garvey, Al "Stringer" Petkus, and Joe "Run around" Latino succeeded again this year in downing the upperclassmen ball club which consisted of Fran "What's a foul!" Joubert, "Puffy Pink" Longwell, Bill "Rough and Tumble" Helenius, John "Elbows" Gannon, Wally "I didn't touch him" Gosk, and Fred "the Shape" Glodis.

**Fast Moving Faculty**

Following the basketball game, a fast moving faculty team and Mr. Goss successfully defeated the Seniors for the third straight year. In their prime, the members of this volleyball team were known as Jet Joseph, Galloping Goss, Mariner Mockler, Dash Davis, and Blitz Chapman.

The Sophomore Snow Sculpture team moved in early Saturday morning led by the able Dick Bailey and his gay company. Their first place presentation was surprisingly followed by the bucketholding freshmen with the Seniors mammoth mermaid holding the third position. Also in the competition was the Junior's presentation of a fantacy.

The overly prosperous Carnival was concluded with a grand ball. The highlights of the evening were the massive march, pictures by Steve "Al Funt" Keenan, the band's tribute to Dottie Hargrove, and refreshments.

**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL. The scene is the jazz concert at Friday night's Carnival offering.**

# '63 WINTER CARNIVAL POINT TALLY

| | Frosh | Soph | Juniors | Seniors |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Skit | 5 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| Snow Sculpture | 22.5 | 30 | 7.5 | 15 |
| Friday B.B. | 10 | 5 | 20 | 15 |
| Men's B.B. | 7.5 | 5 | 10 | 2.5 |
| Men's V.B. | 2.5 | 1.25 | 5 | 3.75 |
| Women's V.B. | 1.25 | 3.75 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Men's Singles | .5 | 1.5 | 2 | 1 |
| Women's Doubles | .5 | 1 | 2 | 1.5 |
| Men's Doubles | .75 | 1.5 | 2.25 | 3 |
| Women's Doubles | .75 | 3 | 2.25 | 1.5 |
| Total Points Accumulated | 51.25 | 72 | 66 | 60.75 |

# FROSH PREDICTION FOR NEXT YEAR!

**"WE LOST BUT, . . ." Frosh President Terry Fitzgerald accepts "the bucket," but promises that next year the Freshman class will go on to "bigger and better things," the trophy, maybe?**

**YOU DON'T SAY! What could Pinky and his wife be saying to the Faculty chaperones to merit such expressions on their faces?**

# Class Responsibility During Carnival

The Winter Carnival of 1963 was an annual event sponsored through the joint co-operation of all four classes at the college with the Student Advisory Council assuming the final responsibility for the weekend. Every class was given specific responsibilities and activities to control, and it is evident that their jobs were well done.

The Senior and Junior classes jointly undertook the task of redecorating the gym for the dance held Saturday night. The Junior class organized the Sports portion of the weekend. The Sophomore class was assigned the task of decorating the windows in the lobby outside the cafeteria and were also in charge of refreshments for Saturday night's dance. The Freshman class was responsible for the Jazz Concert and Dance held Friday night. The Student Council had overall charge of the weekend.

The entire Winter Carnival of 1963 was considered by everyone to have been a great success but there are many questions which still remain unanswered.

Where were the students whose help was needed?

Why does there have to be such "life or death" competition between classes?

Why is a queen whose purpose is to reign over the weekend picked two hours before it ends?

If these questions could be answered, the Winter Carnival of 1964 could be executed and enjoyed by a MAJORITY of the student body instead of by a MINORITY. G. Kidderis

# Three Gallant Senior Women

We would like at this time to draw special attention to three Senior women who gallantly fought a losing battle. They pitted their meager but spirited and enthusiastic strength against the vicious onslaught of the superior numbers of Junior and Sophomore women in volleyball. They suffered defeat but their defeat was honorable. They carried their banner to the end. We salute you: Dotty Hargrove, Franny Ciccarelli and . . .

# BASKETBALL

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Mike Mulcahy and Herb Morrill were the double figure men for the Seniors hitting 15 and 11 points respectively. Wally Gosk, Art Longwell, and Fran Joubert threw in the remaining 16 points. The board work was left to brawny Fred Glodis, Bill Helinius, and John Gannon.

| Juniors | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| O'Connor | 1 | 1-1 | 3 |
| Garvey | 7 | 2-2 | 16 |
| Davenport | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dillon | 0 | 0-2 | 0 |
| Petkus | 0 | 3-3 | 3 |
| Latino | 5 | 4-7 | 14 |
| Collins | 5 | 7-8 | 17 |
| | 18 | 17 | 53 |

| Seniors | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gosk | 3 | 2-2 | 8 |
| Mulcahy | 6 | 3-6 | 15 |
| Morrill | 3 | 5-6 | 11 |
| Longwell | 2 | 4-6 | 8 |
| Joubert | 0 | 2-2 | 2 |
| | 14 | 16 | 44 |

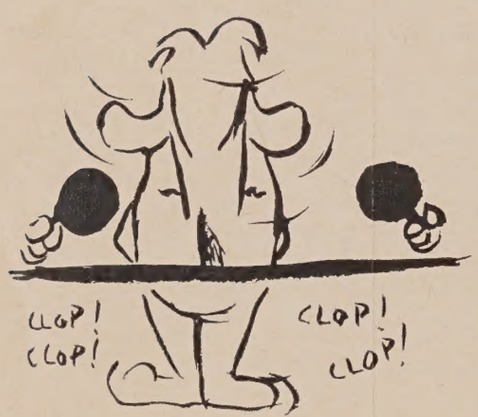
# WINTER CARNIVAL

## FORMULA FOR SOPHOMORE VICTORY :

1 Gene + 1 ARAB — 2 MAGIC WANDS + 1 MAGIC LAMP + MERMAID ...
+ BUCKETS OF SLUSH — 2 GLASS SLIPPERS + 1 "SNOOPY" ∞

SKITS

"SLUSH" SCULPTURE



ATIP OF THE HAT TO THOSE WHO DECORATED FOR THE WINTER CARNIVAL DANCE ... THE JANITORS !!!

THANKS!

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ROBERT McGRAW

## Senior Receives Scholarship To Harvard

W.S.C. is proud to applaud a member of the senior class who has earned a distinction for himself and for the college. Robert McGraw, a Senior Secondary from Hopkington, was recently awarded a partial scholarship to the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. Competing with thousands of students from the East, he was one of the thirteen from New England, New York, and the Middle Atlantic and North Central States who were selected to receive Prize Fellowships and full or partial scholarships.

Mr. McGraw, known as Bob to his classmates, is married and the father of a son and daughter, ages 11 and 12. He is a graduate of English High School, Boston, and served with the Yankee Division during World War II, seeing action in the Aleutian Islands before transferring to the 11th Air Force. After the war he worked for an electronics company in Cambridge. His return to school in September, 1959, was the reali-

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# Steve Kokernak Ends Brilliant Basketball Career At W.S.C.

by JIM ALLEN
Acorn Sports Editor

The Class of '63 can be proud of its vice-president.

Steve Kokernak, a Lancer forward for the past four years, has played his last game for our college but set several records that will be remembered for sometime. Steve won his second Most Valuable Player award, a record, and broke the school record for points in a career with 1485. The five foot 11, 155 pound Math-science major also tied Bill Ferris for most points in one game with 36. Steve scored his in the opening game against Lowell while Bill, class of '56, did the trick in 1955. Last year, Steve scored 428 points for the season, also a record.

Described by Coach Fran Dyson as a "natural," Steve has been in the starting lineup of all Coach Dyson's squads except for the Central Connecticut game, passed up so that he could participate in the National Teacher's Exam. He

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**A JOB WELL DONE. Coach Dyson congratulates Steve Kokernak for establishing an all time high scoring record as well as for being selected most valuable team player by the Worcester Coaches Sports Writers Association.**

## Note From The Editor

**The following letter should clarify the recent discussion regarding the choosing of the four city college presidents, and not the fifth, as an advisory group in the selection of a new superintendent of schools for the City of Worcester.**

**President Sullivan was in Chicago when these names were chosen.**

March 5, 1963

Dr. Eugene A. Sullivan, President
Worcester State College
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Gene:

I am taking the liberty to write to you regarding the School Committee's action in asking four College Presidents, other than yourself, to serve as a screening committee in the choice of a school superintendent. Since I am the Chairman of the committee and because your exclusion from this group has created a great deal of comment, this letter, in a way, will help to clarify an embarrassing situation. I have been quoted in the newspapers as saying that you were left off the committee because it was better balanced without you. This statement is untrue and was never mentioned by me. There has been some comment made that because of your position in the field of education you may have had some contact with the three candidates that were being screened. It has been said that this contact would have prejudiced your choice and for that reason your name had been omitted. This, also, was never discussed by the School Committee.

As Chairman of the School Committee I shoulder full responsibility for the suggestion that

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## We're Proud of It!

This year, as in previous years, the Acorn has printed what "it believes to be the rights of all students all the time." The paper is not a political newspaper, but strives to inform the student-body of the happenings around Campus. Sports news, club news, special events, speakers, and other news is reported by the various members of the Acorn staff. In addition to the news happenings, the Acorn has included opinions of the student body and cultural offerings as well.

This year, the student-body itself has had a greater opportunity to give their opinions on controversial subjects in the form of letters to the editor. This service of the paper gives the student a chance to speak up for or against the happenings around the College. Perhaps the two most pressing letters recently appearing, were the ones that were concerned with the club meetings and the organization of the recent Winter Carnival. To summarize the club situation, Wednesday is club day, and usually four or five clubs meet at the same period on the same Wednesday. Naturally this makes it virtually impossible for a student to belong to more than one club and be a participating member. In order for more students to join the clubs, a satisfactory schedule for meetings must be worked out . . . and soon!

The second important letter dealt with the behind-the-scenes organization of the Winter Carnival. According to this letter, because of poor planning, and many last minute arrangements, there was a lack of unity and smoothness during the entire Carnival. It is hoped that by bringing the feelings of the students through these letters, the problems concerning them may be brought into view and consequently answered.

There have been many fine speakers for the Assembly programs this year. and for every speaker, the Acorn has been there with a first-hand report of the accomplishment of each one. Photographers have been working constantly to provide the students with excellent pictures of all of the year's events. During the Winter Carnival in particular, a photographer attended all of the events, photographing the highlights of the week-end. Where ever there have been events going on at the College, Acorn reporters have been there. From club meetings and excursions to interviewing students born in foreign countries, the Acorn has been there. The Acorn is the voice of the College. It is your voice. It is concerned with you the members of the student body and the things of particular interest to you.

Support your paper . . . read it!

**REPORT LINKS**

**BRAINS & BRAWN**

WASHINGTON (SPE) — The President's Council on Youth Fitness has reported:

That students who maintained a high level of physical fitness tended, on the average, to have the best grades, the fewest absences, the heaviest load of extra-curricular activities, and the most healthy attitudes as judged by their teachers.

# A New Twist To The Old Dance

Throughout this past year there has been a growing feeling of apathy on the part of many students toward the college and the property within it. Everyone who takes an interest in school affairs has noticed that this year has been a poor one for student enthusiasm. This attitude is reflected quite noticeably in abuses of property, privileges, and materials.

Ironically enough, the areas of greatest misuse are those set aside for student recreation and relaxation. I speak now of the Lounge, Cafeteria, and Ping-Pong Room. The two former areas are decidedly and chronically the main areas of irresponsibility on the part of a large number of students.

In recent weeks it has become actually distasteful, at times, to eat in the Cafeteria, because of the lackadaisical attitude on the part of many people to pick up their left-over refuse and dishes and dispose of them in the proper manner. Maybe you don't mind eating among a pile of dirty dishes and garbage, but some of us don't want to and shouldn't have to! A disposal shute for waste was designed to eliminate unsightly trash and an area for dirty dishes is provided. Don't you have pride enough to use them?

The Lounge is the most widely used area of the College. Almost everyone either passes through or sits down here at least once each day. Visitors pass by at all hours, and outside students visit friends here. This area devoted entirely to the students reflects the character of the entire student body. The Lounge is not, as many suspect, an area set aside strictly for card sharks and smokers. It is intended as a spot for the relaxation of all students. Very few students take advantage of this if they are non-smokers or non-card players however. The reason for this being, the atmosphere in the Lounge has become one of complete disregard for neatness and order. It is so bad at times, that if there is no need to enter, many people would rather remain away from the place completely.

A member of the Custodial Staff was quoted recently as saying, "Sometimes it is difficult to believe I am employed at a college, there is so much disregard for personal responsibility on the part of students."

What type of people make up our student body? It would seem that a good number are immature and have no self-respect. Just remember, the next time you leave your dishes on the table or throw paper on the floor, books and classes don't guarantee a college atmosphere. The student makes the atmosphere.

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# Winter Carnival Success or Failure?

To the Editor of the Acorn:

For the past two years the Winter Carnival has been the highlight of W.S.C.'s social activities. Inter-class competition was fierce and spirit ran rampant. What happened this year??

The 1963 Winter Carnival was destined to be less than great from its very beginning. There was very little enthusiasm on the part of the student body. No one cared except for a few die hards in each class. Advance notice of events and publicity of skits was at a bare minimum. Preparation and organization for this event filled week-end was almost non existent.

Who is responsible for the setting up of the Winter Carnival? The Student Council is the group who is supposed to orgainize and make out a schedule. This list of jobs and activities is then supposed to be assigned to class officers and class groups.

Committees should be formed from different classes to take care of advertisement, dances, sports, and skits. A member of the Council should head each major committee. Arrangements should be made by the Council or one of its committees to ensure that each class and its members understand the schedule of events and his or her responsibility.

The inter-class basketball game should be given advance notice, and an effort should be made by class officers to get a large cheering section. The Senior-faculty volleyball game should gain wide publicity, and faculty members should be personally recruited by a committee or Student Council.

Saturday's events should be clarified, and class officers should recruit and make clear the importance of everyone helping to win the trophy. A special 4 class dance committee should be formed to organize and promote a successful Ball. If these and many other arrangements are followed by the Student Council next year, maybe with student co-operation, the Carnival and other events will be more successful.

One last point I would like to make is, because of the leadership which is needed to make social functions a success, and because so much depends on the Student Council and class officers, perhaps the students should take a look at all of these representatives and decide whether they are really working in the best interest of the office that they hold. Until the real leaders and workers are put into office, this college will always lack unity and spirit.

Steven Keenan,
Senior Elem. II.

## Athletics and Artists Exclusively ? ?

To the Editor of the Acorn:

The Winter Carnival has come and gone. Before it is completely forgotten, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject.

I think it could have been much better organized than it was. It seemed that much time was wasted making last minute arrangements for refreshments and for taking sign-ups for events.

There was a lack of cooperation, more noticeable among the Freshman class. Several people signed up for an event, and then failed to appear for the games. In one case, a volleyball game was forfeited.

Time was lost in gathering teams together, since many people failed to arrive on time. There were many last minute substitutions which resulted in persons competing in an event for which they had not bothered to sign up. In other cases, persons who had signed were left out.

I think, also, that it would be a good idea to have a few more activities in the Winter Carnival to give those people who are not athletic or who do not have artistic abilities a chance to participate.

A more varied program of activities, better organization, and, above all, more cooperation, will result in a Winter Carnival of which we can all be proud.

Marilyn F. Polito
F-7

## Elements Missing

To The Editor:

The old saying that success is sweetest for those who first taste defeat was surely witnessed at this year's Winter Carnival. But, the question still remains concerning a formula which will insure a definite victory.

I'm sure everyone agrees that there is no definite formula for victory, but that there are many elements which will insure success. Some of these elements such as class spirit, participation, and organization seem so common to students that they often forget them. It means nothing if a class has an original skit or snow sculpture idea if no one wants to organize it or even take part in it. On the other hand a skit isn't everything. A class must capture as many points as possible and this can only be done through active participation in sports. It takes more than three to make a team!

Now is the time for all classes to decide upon improvements for next year's Winter Carnival. Not only in these other categories, but in all areas such as decorations, cleanup, the securing of bands, the raising of judging standards, the revamping of events, and the possibility of the Student Council members keeping running tabulations on the events of the weekend.

Remember, if you have any suggestions for improvements it is best to discuss them with your social chairman, not your neighbor. Help your class by being an active part of it!

Carol Alaownis
S-1

## IDEAS FOR CARNIVAL IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTED

To the Editor of the Acorn:

Now that the Winter Carnival at Worcester State has passed, the time for constructive criticism has arrived. From an over all point of view, the carnival was a success, as most students will agree. Yet those who disagree cannot be ignored. It is their criticisms which will make the Worcester State Winter Carnival in 1964 a COMPLETE success.

The most important of the censures appears to be common knowledge. In a college which is not as large as some of the local schools, but certainly not the smallest, why must the carnival be so short-lived? Is it because Worcester State does not have as elaborate a campus? This cannot be true for even schools with smaller surroundings have carnivals that last longer. Is it because of the facilities? No. State is just as well equipped as any other college.

Another criticism concerns publicity for the Winter Carnival. Why is it that the account of the activities may be found on the thirty-eighth page, the last column, covering approximately 6x4 inches of print, while other out of town colleges receive billing on the whole of page seven, in the morning and evening editions of the local newspaper? Where does the fault lie? Is it with the newspaper reporters, or with the publicity committee and students at Worcester State?

These suggestions may definitely be improved, but at least they are the plank over the pitfalls of previous years, and if heightened will insure the starting success of the Winter Carnival for 1964.

Mary Ellen Plotczyk
F-7

# CLUB NEWS

## Marriage Conferences sponsored by Newman Club

The Newman Club cordially invites all students to attend a series of marriage conferences to be held on three consecutive Sunday evenings in March. The dates selected are March 17th., March 24th., and March 31st. Each of the conferences, which are being held at Christ the King Hall, will begin at 8:00 P.M. There is no admission charge.

There is a definite need for an understanding of those principles and rules which help to foster stable and happy marriages. Each of the speakers for the conference series will concentrate on some important area of married life.

Cyprus Paskevich, M. D. will open the series of meetings on Sunday evening, March 17th. His talk will accentuate the necessity of good spiritual development in a marriage situation. The spiritual side of marriage is so often left out in the considerations of young couples who are contemplating marriage. Here will be an excellent opportunity to learn more of the attitudes and values that support successful spiritual development in a family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burns and Prof. and Mrs. Clyde Pax, Ph.D. will be the speaker at the second meeting on March 24th. Their speech will center on the medical and hygienic rules of married life. Their talk is of utmost importance to all young people contemplating marriage.

The final evening of conferences will present Rev. Donald Gervais who will speak on the more practical aspects of married life such as budgeting, care of family, house, social obligations and other financial problems.

Today, more than ever, there is a definite need for wholesome understandings of the facets of married life. This series of conferences hopes to make some of those aspects clearer and more easily understood.

It is not necessary that you be a Newman Club member in order to attend this series. All colleges in the Worcester area have been invited. If you must come by bus they run from the corner of Main and Front Sts. in downtown Worcester. You make take either the number 2 Tatnuck, the West Ta'nuck, or the Paxton bus.

## Water Safety Instructor Courses Offered

Now that the volleyball tournament is well on its way, March brings the beginning of the swimming programs of the W.A.A. There will be two Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Courses offered this semester. One begins March 4 at Worcester Tech on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. The other begins March 6 at the Worcester Girls Club on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Because of the success of recreational swimming last year, the W.A.A. is offering this on Wednesdays beginning March 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This is open to all girls in all classes. Reminding the girls that they need 6 punches on their blue cards to attend the W.A.A. Banquet on May 7, maybe this Recreational Swimming will give you the opportunity to have some fun as well as insuring your place at the banquet.

So, girls, let's get our feet wet.

## Audio-Visual Materials Available

Many times a question has arisen as to what facilities are offered for educational purposes by the audio-visual department. Any student may, by filling out a request slip with Mr. Davis, make use of the A-V equipment available. Presenting the slip at least twenty-four hours beforehand would, more or less, insure use of the particular item.

Each student borrowing the equipment should be checked by Mr. Davis on its proper use. Plans are underway to include audio-visual courses for both graduate and undergraduate students by September 1963. This will insure the beginning teacher of a wider range of teaching media to utilize in a classroom situation.

A list of equipment and materials for student use are as follows:

Three, three-speed stationary turntables in the A-V room with private earphones. Records are available at the library desk.

Two, three-speed portable record players for classroom use.

Two portable 16mm. motion picture projectors.

Two tape recorders with limited blank tape available for special projects.

Two 35mm. combination slide and filmstrip projectors.

One 3¼ x 4 slide projector that can be used with the 3¼ x 4 glass slides.

One opaque projector for viewing flat pictures or material in a textbook.

One 10 x 10 overhead projector to project various acetate transparencies.

A Recordak viewer for microfilm and a microcard viewer are also available to the students in the A-V room. There are over 146 reels of microfilm available on educational topics, and 1,425 microcards pertaining to research materials in the fields of American history and literature.

The records, which include music, literature, poetry, drama, and language, 35mm. filmstrips, microfilm and microcards may be signed out at the library desk by Mr. Joyce, or through Mr. Davis. Most of the materials available are listed in the card index file in the library.

Motion pictures may be procured, free of charge, from the Committee on Business Information, 32 Franklin Street, or from numerous sources on a rental basis. There is a large collection of flat pictures for display use. Not all subject matter is available in the 35mm. filmstrips at the college, but new additions are being added to the present supply.

Any further questions will be most thoroughly taken care of by Mr. Davis. Please keep in mind that misuse of equipment and materials would lead to a policy of restricted use for all.

## M.A.A. Bowling Notes

The M.A.A. has once again offered a second semester bowling program for the men of Worcester State. Bob Krigorian, Tom Collins, and Dick Ethier are the top bowlers as of this writing. Krigorian holds high average with a whopping 117.0 and second high triple of 351. Collins and Ethier follow Krigorian in the average race with a 109+ and 106+ respectively. Collin's 376 triple has been one of the most outstanding triples ever hit in the State College loop and it seems though it will be very difficult to match it. Ethier has a 345 triple and a 131 individual game score. Bill Farrow, has rolled the individual high single score of 140.

Team No. 6 spearheaded by Dick Ethier, Bill Sparrow, and Dick Spedding have a 1½ game lead over teams 7 and 10.

The M.A.A. intra-mural volleyball program will get underway very shortly, as will the inter-collegiate volleyball. State College is defending champions on the inter-collegiate level.

## MATH-SCIENCE CLUB?

During the week of March 4-8, the Math Club conducted a survey among interested Math-science students by means of a questionnaire. The organization of an effective dual club will be based upon the results gathered and was posted on the Club Bulletin Board Monday, March 11th. A meeting will be held soon after.

## A.C.E. Card Party a Success

The A.C.E. Valentine Card Party was held February 14 in the lounge. Attendance prizes were awarded and refreshments were served to the large crowd that was present. As all A.C.E. activities, the party was well-planned and quite successful.

The Worcester State A.C.E. will be the hostess group at the national meeting in Miami, Florida. Four upperclassmen have been elected to attend in April. Seniors chosen are **Priscilla Hescock** and **Betty Johnson**, who is President of the college's A.C.E. Juniors are Mary Connolly and Carol Doyle. **Miss Wilmarth** and **Miss Mahan** will also attend the convention.

**HER IRISH EYES ARE SMILING. Cathy Hughes certainly has something to sing about March seventeenth, the date she was born in Ireland of all places.**

## Irish Colleen at State

**By JUDITH PILIBOSIAN**
**of the Acorn Staff**

With Saint Patrick's Day just around the corner, Catherine Hughes, F-4, a native of Ireland, will be among the Irish population at State who will be gaily attired in green on March 17th. Cathy recalls how Ireland celebrated Saint Patrick's Day during those thirteen years before she came to the United States in 1957.

"It is the biggest national holiday of the year," stated Cathy, as her blue Irish eyes sparkled with every word. "Every store closes in honor of the religious day. For the Catholics it is a holy day of obligation."

Saint Patrick, as history has recorded, was the slave of an ancient king. He kept watch on sheep during his youth at Antrim Mountain. Later, he sailed to Rome to become a Priest and finally, a Bishop.

One night while he was sleeping, the children of Ireland appeared to him in a dream and called to him to return to their homeland to convert the Irish to Christianity. He went back and continued his work until his death. The shamrock, which symbolizes the Trinity, is worn on Saint Patrick's Day in remembrance of his teachings.

"In the morning there is a High Mass in memory of Saint Patrick," explained Cathy. "Parades led by the military forces are held in the afternoon. Each town has prepared a variety show for that evening to be put on in its town hall. Included in the show are singers, dancers, and musicians who entertain the townspeople with their performance. This marks the end of the day's festivities."

Saint Patrick belongs to the world as an omnipresent symbol of Christianity, but to the Irish, in particular, for "they were his children."

## Westfield State Col. Launches "Poor Man's Year Abroad"

Westfield State College has launched a "poor man's year abroad" program for its students, according to Dr. John Gillespie, director of Massachusetts State Colleges.

In an effort to broaden the geographic horizons of future teachers while opening mental frontiers through academic work, the state college has exchanged some of its students with students from a similar institution, East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma, alma mater of the late Senator Robert S. Kerr.

Officials at both colleges see the exchange program as a way of breaking down provincialism on both campuses. At the same time, the future teachers will enjoy wider experiences by living in another section of the country. This should enhance their instruction and classroom teaching.

Westfield State students, Virginia F. Vaughn, Springfield; Ardelle M. Chase, South Egremont; and Ann E. Stearns, Shrewsbury will be the group to initiate the program. Next year other state colleges will participate in the "study American" project.

Swapping students with other accredited colleges throughout the United States for a semester insures that the State Colleges will continue to enroll a maximum number of Massachusetts residents while at the same time receiving benefits from a more cosmopolitan student body, Dr. Gillespie stated.

## *BEAT*

Well, it only took a month for last semester's marks to get sent to our home — something unique to W.S.C. since other colleges get theirs out in less than a week after final exams . . . The Juniors are sporting their new class rings which are pretty sharp . . . The seniors are counting the number of days left in school . . . Congratulations to Jr. Secondary **Jerome Gedritis and wife** on the birth of a son . . . Worcester has a new school superintendent — about time . . . The sophomore class elections will bring many surprises . . . Freshmen will contribute much talent to the baseball team . . . You read about the student who was asked to put into writing on his exam paper statement of his word of honor that he had neither given nor received help? **This is what he wrote:** "I did not get any help, and God knows I could not give any." . . . Junior Secondaries are busy this semester doing what the elementaries were doing last semester — oh, those units . . . Dr. Perry will not attempt an open book test for a while. He says that his students of the Geography of Asia were so busy reading the book that they didn't have time to answer the questions on the test . . . **Quotable Quote Dept.:** "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw parties." . . . The next big affair at W.S.C. is the Scholarship Tea which will take place on April 27 . . . The seniors are being interviewed for teaching positions for next September . . . **It has been suggested that closer check of attendance be made at next year's Winter Carnival since many in attendance did not buy a ticket . . .** Congratulations to the newly elected freshman class officers

The men at Syracuse University are looking for the return of **Sheila Hartnett, Sue Keough, Rocky Lockwood** and **Marty Moran** . . . Joe "Lou" Davenport seems to be showering his affections on some of the senior girls.

Janice Lumsden and Nancy Lundstrom are desperately trying to reorganize the Math Club. Richard Fougere has been learning quite a bit about Economics lately. It's a fact that Senior Secondary III blitz five times a week. **Regina Houston is one of the many looking forward to the summer.**

. . . Everyone has recuperated from the last vacation and is buckling down waiting for the next one . . . Until next time a thought to remember: "Discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it."

**TAKE A NUMBER FOR BETTER SERVICE — Seniors viewing some of the newer material obtained by the bookstore are (L to R) George Cote, Nancy Lundstrom, Bart March, Barbara Turgeon, Art Longwell, and Mr. Menahan.**

# Bookstore Provides Many Useful Materials For the Student

Have you taken a good look at our bookstore lately? Do you know what they are selling? Text books are not the only articles.

Besides selling the text books of the school, where there have been many reorders, our bookstore sells just about every school supply you could need. It has paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, and so much more. Along with these necessary items, there is a large line of articles on which there is the school seal. These include pennants, sweat shirts, jackets, jewelry, and soon there will be beach towels for the summer.

The largest and most successful item in the book store right now is the large line of paperbacks. Some of these are requested by the professors, but most of them are the listed best sellers. Together there are three to four hundred different paperbacks on sale for you.

Another help to the college by the book store is the part-time employment of six students. As most W.S.C. students hold part-time jobs after school, this gives these six students the convenience of working on campus, sometimes during school.

**Admired By All**

Not only have the undergraduate people utilized the convenience of the book store, but the graduate students in the evenings have also. The graduate students are very surprised to see such a fully equipped book store. After a good look inside, one can see the reason why this book store has become a member of the New England Association of College Bookstores.

So let us make a few visits to the bookstore to benefit ourselves as well as aiding in the bookstore's success, and if you can use $25 visit the bookstore and ask for information about the contest that is to take place this spring.

Hope to see you there and good luck.

# Can't Read

According to the U. S. Department of Public Health, Education and Welfare, about 3,000,000 adult Americans cannot read the label on a bottle of medicine or a help-wanted ad or the report cards children bring home from school.

# The Real Patrick Behind St. Patrick's Day

This Sunday many people and places will show a sudden overwhelming preference for the color green. In addition to green ties, shirts, and blouses, there will be green derbies, shamrocks, Irish harps, snakes, and Irish maps.

All this greenery will be displayed in honor of St. Patrick. He will be honored by people of various faiths, by the Irish because he is their patron saint, and by others because they are friends and neighbors of the Irish.

**The Legend of Saint Patrick**

Who is St. Patrick? **To begin with, the 17th of March is not really the day of his birth, which occured in A.D. 387, but the day of his death in 493.** Patrick was not born in Ireland at all, but at Kilpatrick, at what is now Dumbarton, Scotland.

At 16, Patrick was captured in a Pictish raid, and sold as a slave in Ireland to a Druid chief. After six years as a swineherd he escaped to Gaul, where he studied with St. Martin at Tours before returning to Ireland and his former home.

According to legend, just before Patrick escaped from Ireland, he heard a supernatural voice calling him to preach to the heathens there. It was while he was at Tours, France, a young man of 22, that he decided to devote the rest of his life to the cause of religion.

Later, during his 40 years that he preached throughout Ireland he preached throughout Ireland, founded many churches and schools. Numerous legends sprang up, inspired by him, and having to do with his miraculous powers such as healing the blind, raising the dead, etc.

**Snakes Of Ireland**

The best known of the stories told about St. Patrick is the one concerning the traditional belief that he cleared Ireland of the snakes that infested it. To comemorate this deed, Ireland's patron saint is generally shown in the act of banishing the serpents. Somewhere about him may be seen a shamrock leaf which Patrick used in explaining the Trinity to the heathen priests on the hill of Tara.

The hill of Down at Downpatrick, in Ireland, is supposed to be the burial place of the saint, although there are those who are of the opinion that he was buried at Glastonbury. At any rate, there is a cathedral at Downpatrick to honor him. The year of his death is variously given as 493 or 464, but there is agreement on the day, the 17th of March.

# PREDICTIONS

**by Dionysus S. O'Terick**
**Acorn Staff Clairvoyant**

Now that the winter recess has gone, the Carnival has gone, we look to the future again. The crystal ball is clearing and prophesies spring forth. The sign-ups for Sophomore-Senior Prom committees will have a ball AND get the job done . . . Mr. Gould will add to his tie collection . . . That S2 girl will stop throwing kisses in class . . . The Senior yearbook will win honors . . . John McGowan will not go to France, Italy, or Hawaii this summer . . . Supervisors will be a thing of the past in practice teaching . . . Bob Thompson will tell anyone who asks about his idol . . . The Geni is just the start of Sophomore magic . . . Paul Benoit's sonar equipment (a bat) will be useful in detecting approaching supervisors . . . Half of W S C will be at the Cape this summer . . . George St. Pierre will wear his jacket for a change . . . Clear blue skies for Senior graduation . . . Bobby Crapeau will be the strongest candidate for Soph Prez. . . . Many girls will be in the swim at Tech and the Winthrop House . . . Junior rings are here—to stay . . . All will get accustomed to the new seating arrangements in the caf . . . Better organization will be had in the winter carnival . . . The Book Store will continue its success . . . Jr. Secondaries will not have to sit in boring assemblies on Tuesday's now that the Elementaries are out . . . The **Acorn's** next issue will be out in the middle of April . . . Mrs. Mike Mulcahy will have twins—boys . . . and finally — SPRING IS COMING.

**A WINNING SEASON? Coach John Mockler and Captain Fran Joubert optimistically view the baseball schedule.**

# Baseball Buildup

Now that the basketball season has come to a close, the athletic minded at Worcester State College can look ahead to the coming baseball season. This year the team has a **14 game schedule,** playing some of the strongest teams in the conference. It is exepected that they will improve on last year's record of six wins, three losses. Three games were rained out and not rescheduled, while another with Boston State ended in a 12-inning tie.

On Monday, March 4, Coach John Mokler welcomed last year's veterans and new candidates. Heading the returnees will be Captain Fran Joubert, shortstop, who last year batted .385 and led the team in runs-batted-in. Fran is a senior and will be playing his fourth year in the State infield. Among the other regulars returning will be third baseman Dick Lamothe (.415); centerfielder Kevin Lyons (.380); rightfielder Dick Joubert (.330); and pitcher Carlo Baldino (2-2).

**Promising Candidates**

Lost through graduation were tri-captains Bill Lynch, catcher, (.325), southpaw hurler Bill Cronin (4-1), pitcher-infielder Dick Denechaud, and first baseman Veto Filipowski (.355). Two other regulars who have left school are second baseman Jim Powers (.282), and leftfielder Jack Hanlon (.255).

Among the promising freshmen expected to report are Dick Coleman, infielder, North High; Paul Sundstrom, outfielder, North High; and pitchers Phil Salerno, Sacred Heart Academy and Bob Pahigian, South High.

Coach Mokler seems quite confident as to the success of this year's team. When asked to comment about it, he replied: "Well, so far we're undefeated."

# Articulation

A three-act play, "The Late Christopher Bean," by Sidney Howard, has been chosen by the Dramatic Club as its major production for this year. The play, which will be presented in April, promises to be as entertaining and successful as all past productions of the Club.

One-act plays are now being shown for Dramatic Club members and guests during club period on Wednesdays. In these plays, club members gain experience in acting and directing which will be of great value to them in future teaching careers.

Freshman Class members are taking a great interest in the Dramatic Club this year and a fine talent for acting has been displayed by various students of the Class of 1966.

# Varsity Sport?

Golf is in the process of becoming a recognized varsity sport. Linksmen John Gannon, Bill Helinius, and Lominski have approached Director of Athletics, John Mockler, with names of tentative team members. Possible dates of matches with teams from Assumption, Holy Cross, Clark, Tech and other colleges are in the planning stages.

Financial aid will be extended to further this varsity sport if a team can be maintained in future years. The nucleus of this team will be lost through graduation. More underclassmen will be needed to carry the cause.

If enough men are interested in supporting a golf team they are asked to contact the above named golf enthusiasts or to make their intentions known to the M.A.A.

# Representatives

**The Relations of School Dropouts to Juvenile Delinquency** was discussed March 8th at 3:00 p.m. at the Lyman School for Boys in Westboro. The five member panel is headed by G. Flint Taylor, Director of Worcester State College.

Other members of the panel include Mr. Robert Goss of W. S. C., Mr. R. Dolan of Malboro, Professor Reid of the Rhode Island State College Psychology department and Thomas Ritchie, Worcester area director of Mental Health.

The topic will especially focus on what can be done in schools for the potential dropout. The Lyman School sponsored panel is held for the faculty of the school and guidance directors of Worcester County under the auspices of Mr. Gibbons.

The panel discussion will be taped by Fran Shea of radio station WTAG.

# McGraw

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zation of a long delayed ambition. As a freshman at Worcester State Teachers College he began preparation for a new career—teaching. He chose to major in history.

**Masters of Arts**

For the past four years at W.S.C., Bob has distinguished himself academically and has made many friends on campus. Last year he was elected president of the college's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. He has continued to work week-ends and summers. At Harvard he will spend the year preparing for the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching, with a major in social studies.

We students at W.S.C. are impressed not only by Bob's achievement, but also by the significant implication it holds with respect to the preparation that our college offers us. Our classmate, with no other higher formal educational background than what he received at W.S.C., came out on top in competition with college seniors throughout the entire eastern United States. This accomplishment offers concrete proof that we need not consider our school or our education as fifth-rate. The opportunity for excellence is here—the utilization of this opportunity is the personal responsibility of each student. As Bob has stated, "(The student) can pick it up or leave it here."

To Robert McGraw, Class of 1963, we offer a well-deserved "congratulations" and all best wishes in his continued academic pursuits and his professional life.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Best luck and good wishes to Miss Mary Cosgrove on her engagement to Mr. Thomas J. Dolphin of the Clark University Faculty.

**INTERMURAL CHAMPS. Seniors who easily copped the basketball playoffs are (L to R) Paul Duca, Pete Farrelly, Fran Joubert, John Gannon, and Wally Gosk.**

**DYSON'S DOZEN. The Lancers, plagued by injuries, listed a 7-12 season standing which prohibited them from conference play. The club includes (front row L to R) Charlie O'Connor, Dick Lamothe, George Melican, Capt. Steve Kokernack, Joe Montimurro, George Albro. (Second Row) Wally Moroski, Charlie Dix, Don Cushing, Bob Pahigian, Francis Bositis, Bob Evers.**

# Team Statistics During the Year

| Name | Number of games | total points | average |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albro | 18 | 109 | 6.1 |
| Bositis | 14 | 40 | 2.9 |
| Cushing | 19 | 153 | 8.1 |
| Dix | 11 | 45 | 4.1 |
| Evers | 10 | 14 | 1.4 |
| Foley | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Kokernak | 18 | 333 | 18.5 |
| Kulesza | 4 | 23 | 5.8 |
| Lamothe | 16 | 151 | 9.4 |
| Melican | 14 | 146 | 7.7 |
| Montemuro | 17 | 83 | 4.9 |
| Moroski | 19 | 173 | 9.1 |
| O'Connor | 6 | 7 | 1.1 |
| Pahigian | 16 | 88 | 5.5 |
| Staiti | 6 | 32 | 5.3 |

**TEAM RECORDS**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Most points in one game | 109 | versus Westfield | 1962 |
| Most field goals in one game | 46 | versus Keene | 1957 |
| Most free throws in one game | 30 | versus Westfield | 1962 |
| Best season (percentage) | 16-2 | .888 | 1955-56 |
| Most wins | 17 | 1959-60; 1960-61; 1961-62 | |
| Best winning streak | 8 | Dec. 7, 1959 - Jan. 16, 1960 | |

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Most points in one game | 36 | Steve Kokernak | 1962 |
| | 36 | Bill Ferris | 1955 |
| Most field goals in one game | 15 | Bill Ferris | 1956 |
| Most free throws in one game | 13 | Bill Ferris | 1952 |
| Most points scored (4 years) | 1152 | Kokernak | |
| Most points scored (1 year) | 428 | Kokernak | 1962 |
| Best season average | 21.1 | Paul King | 1952 |

# Lettermen, Where Are You?

The Athletic Department is now thinking of adding another sport onto the varsity standing making a total of four activities, baseball, basketball, cross-country track, and golf. The rapid increase in enrollment requires this development in the physical aspect of education as well as in the academic department.

Respectively each of these areas acknowledge their outstanding personage with rewards which denote specific achievements.

Students with top honor marks become enrolled in the Kappa Delta Phi on Class Day while outstanding athletes are rewarded . . . Well I think they are rewarded—"That's why we have trophies!" But where and how are they acknowledged? Who are the men winning awards and what did they do? Is there such a thing as a Worcester State letterman or trophy holder?

The sportsmen must be the "few" fellows who wear a blue colored jacket with the yellow circular insignia. They must be athletic award winners, but when, where, how, and why have they received these jackets?

# Kokernak

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has a 17.2 points per game four year average.

Modest Steve never played high school basketball and acquired his touch through intramurals and church league games. As a candidate for the Lancer five in 1959, he had only hoped to "make the team" and strive for a starting position the following season. But Coach Dyson recognized his potential and groomed him for the first string on a strong, veteran team. The move worked, as the team rolled to 19 wins to tie the school's record.

Steve's scoring fell off this season as he averaged a respectable 18.5 for 18 games. Coach Dyson explains, "teams last year couldn't play to stop Steve. He had Bob Kulesza with him in the backcourt. This season, with Kulesza hurt, the defense has been able to concentrate on Steve. And this year we haven't been a strong rebounding team. You can't shoot if you haven't got the ball."

The sport hasn't heard the last of Captain Kokernak, however. Steve is seeking a position that would also enable him to do some coaching.

# EDITOR

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the School Committee ask the College Presidents to provide this service. The fact is that your name was omitted because of an oversight. The following morning when I recognized that this oversight had occurred I made an attempt to contact you at your office in the hope that I could explain the situation to you and to ask if you would be available to serve with the other presidents. However, your secretary informed my office that you were attending a conference away from Worcester and could not be reached. Because of the urgency of the situation and because the vote of the School Committee had instructed me to release this news as soon as the College Presidents had accepted this responsibility. I had no alternative except to go ahead with the original choice of the School Committee.

I hope that this simple explanation will eliminate in your mind any doubt that you might have regarding the committee's attitude toward yourself and the prestige of your office.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH C. CASDIN,
Mayor.

# The Acorn

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**REHEARSAL—Some of the cast from the Dramatic Club's Production, "The Late Christopher Bean," from left to right they are: Pete Brown, Ann Capurso, Pauline McKeon, Robert Bray, and Elaine Wondolowski.**

## DRAMATISTS TO PRESENT ANNUAL PLAY THURSDAY

**by PAULINE McKEON**
**of the Acorn Staff**

On Wednesday, May 29th, the W.S.C. Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell, will present its annual three-act play, "The Late Christopher Bean," at 8:15 P.M. in the school auditorium.

The setting takes place in a rural New England town in the home of Dr. Haggett (Wifred Dufour). Ten years prior to the conflict of the play, a painter, Christopher Bean, was given refuge by Mrs. Haggett (Pauline McKeon). Before Chris died, he painted many pictures and found his only true friend to be the maid, Abby (Elaine Wondolowski).

During the course of the play, Chris has become famous, and his paintings are worth thousands of dollars. The Haggetts, including their daughter Ada (Ann Capurso) are very greedy and are willing to do anything for money. Another daughter, Susan (Dorothy Forgues), wants no part of their greedy scheming. She is only concerned with her coming elopement to the town painter, Warren Creamer (Peter Brown).

**Three Gentlemen Arrive**

Three gentlemen from New York come to the Haggett home to get the pictures. The first, Tallant (Robert Braz), is a smooth,

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## Dr. Asa Smallidge Knowles To Speak at Senior Graduation June 10

The many activities and work-filled hours of the past few years will soon be climaxed by the traditional series of ceremonies. On Sunday, June 2, Baccalaureate will be held in the college auditorium. The Senior Banquet will follow on the evening of June 6. The Meadows in Framingham will be the scene of this dinner dance. The next afternoon, June 7, has been set as Class Day. The ceremonies will take place in the college gymnasium to an audience of parents, faculty, friends, and under-classmen. On Saturday, Alumni Day will be held on campus.

All of these activities will lead up to the impressive program of graduation. Degrees will be presented on the evening of June 10, at the Worcester Auditorium. Dr. Asa Smallidge Knowles, president of Northeastern University, will be the guest speaker. The switching of the tassel from the right to the left side will signify the culmination of the four-year preparation for teaching careers.

**Reviewing the Past**

September, 1959, to June 1963, is a long time when judged in terms of single days and weeks. When thought of as four brief years, the span seems to lessen and become more unified. As we look back over the past four years, members of the Class of 1963 are mindful of the many ways in which we, and our col-

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**SENIOR CLASS GIFT—Here the Senior class officers (from left) Kenneth Davis, president; Steve Kokernak, vice-president; and Carolyn Gendron, secretary; watch on as Mr. Joyce demonstrates the use of the new copying machine; the gift of the Senior Class.**

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# AS WE SEE IT.....

## Dedication Needed in Officers

The past few weeks at the College have been the center of many elections. The most unique election occurred in the Junior Class. John Chiras, a Student Council member for three years, and in line to be the next president of the Council, declined to run for office. His reason was that he felt that during his Senior year in College he would not have enough time to devote to this high office. He felt that he could not do his best, and therefore would not make a good officer.

Declining to run for an office, when one is almost certain of obtaining it, takes courage and unselfishness. Many times people seek election to an office because they wish to impress others with their importance. This type of person is elected to office, but then he proceeds to sit back and let others do his work for him. It is because of this that mediocrity may become the rule and not the exception with the officers of the different classes and clubs.

An office of any organization has a responsibility to his office, the people who elected him, and most of all to himself. He is looked up to as a leader; someone who sets the example for others to follow. By becoming an officer, one has accepted the position of trust from his classmates, and has taken on the responsibility to devote his time and effort to that office. In order to be a good officer doing a good job, the desire and willingness for self-sacrifice is necessary. Every class club officer is a member of a hardworking team. This team is constantly working to help its class and club become a better organization There is no room for the "glory-seeker". Every officer must do his job to the best of his ability, and if he does not, he must be replaced by someone who will. Let us hope that the newly-elected officers for the next school year measure up to the high standards set before them by previous officers at the College. Our College is growing each year, and we have a vital need for qualified and dedicated officers. In the past the College has had many devoted officers who have worked hard and long without any recognition. Many of these officers have been replaced by people that claim that they can do a better job. We can only hope that these new officers are as devoted and capable as the people they have replaced.

# A Successful Year for Choir

**by PETER SAKALOWSKY, JR. of the Acorn Staff**

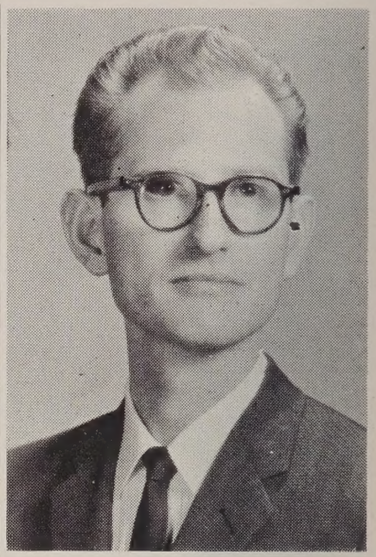
The Worcester State College Choir has enjoyed a successful season this past year, which incidently, has been its busiest. The choir has performed concerts in Salem, Fitchburg, Westfield, Framingham, Keene, N.H., and several at Worcester. The choir concert programs included a mixed selection of songs, solo numbers, several presentations by two quarters and a choral; and a clever duet performance. All these ingredients added together has provided a gay evening for many audiences.

**Next Year**

Let us take a brief look behind the scenes. The ninety voice choir directed by Thomas Carpenter rehearses one hour a week. In this hour new songs must be learned by practice and more practice. Some rehearsals are spent entirely on one song and other times as many as six songs are rehearsed. The constant drill is discouraging but is well rewarded after the completion of a successful performance.

**Climax**

Last night's performance was a fitting climax to the college choir season. The choir particularly enjoyed singing the selection "Bye-Bye Birdie" from the show "Bye-Bye Birdie." The hymn "Praise to the Lord" was presented quite strongly. They also did an especially effective rendition of "Swing Low." The "Square Notes" did several clever and enjoyable numbers. Also the quartet and duet in "By-Bye Birdie" added to the enjoyment of the performance. Fitchburg State College and Keene State Teachers College also gave excellent performances to round out a pleasant evening.



**MR. THOMAS CARPENTER**

# DATES TO CIRCLE

**MAY**

**24—Finals begin for seniors.**
**29—Dramatics Club presentation in the Auditorium.**
**30—No school, Memorial Day.**
**31—No school.**

**JUNE**

**2—Baccalaureate in the College Auditorium.**
**6—Final end—Senior Banquet at the Meadows.**
**7—Class Day Exercises in the College Gymnasium.**
**10—Commencement Exercises at Worcester Memorial Auditorium.**

# Teacher Workshop To Be Held

Worcester State College is offering an intensive teacher preparation program for the secondary level. Under the coordination of Mr. Joseph Scannel the Intensive Teacher Preparation Workshop in Secondary Education will be conducted from July 1 to August 9.

The program at Chandler Street Jr. High will consist of observation, demonstration and practice teaching by 30 student teachers. The 5 supervising teachers include Mr. Harold Chapman — Physical Science, Mrs. Elaine Davis — Mathematics, Miss Vera Dowden —Social Studies, Miss Doris Joyce —English and Mr. William Masterson—Biology.

The tuition free program of subject orientation and review is open to approximately 150 citiy pupils.

**THE WINNING SMILE—Pretty Regina Houston was named Queen of the Sophomore-Senior Prom. The prom was held at the college gymnasium. (See story below)**

# SENIORS BID FAREWELL AT ROMAN RHAPSODY

Saturday, May 4, was the date of the Sophomore-Senior prom, "Roman Rhapsody." Amid columns and Roman statues, a large number of couples danced at the final school prom of the year. The affair was semi-formal.

Near the end of the evening, a sophomore student council representative, Robert Nicoletti, voiced the sentiments of the entire school when he wished the seniors the best of luck and dedicated the song "Till We Meet Again" to the entire senior class.

**Prom Queen**

Another focal point of the prom took place when David Moskal, sophomore class president crowned the queen and court. A crown of laurel leaves and tiny flowers was placed on the head of the attractive queen, senior Regina Houston. Her equally attractive court was comprised of seniors, Margaret Toomey and Barbara Celozzi, and sophomores Jane Fray and Barbara Sledjewski.

Popular songs requested time and time again were, among others: "Tonight, Tonight," Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," "Climb Every Mountain," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." Music was provided by George Gregory, (who also gave a short Bossanova lesson!).

Chaperones were members of the faculty and their escorts. Among faculty members attending, and invited guests, were President and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, Dean McKelligett, Miss Cosgrove, Mr. Lonergan, Miss Dowden, Mr. Ferland, faculty advisers of the senior and sophomore classes, respectively, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Masterson, and others.

The decorations and arrangements were beautiful, and the prom was truly a fitting tribute to the soon departing senior class.

# DID YOU EVER . . .

**To All the present Junior Elementaries (and any future ones)**

. . have a little boy tag you and say "Chase me! Chase me! If you want me, you will have to catch me first?"

. . plan a wonderful, exciting motivating lesson in kindergarten; have a supervisor come, and then as you were making use of the slide in your room, have a little boy come sliding down the slide, and fall off into the arms of an unsuspecting supervisor?

. . have trouble keeping the children from climbing out the windows?

. . have a child be considerate enough to come to tell you that he had become "sick" in the bathroom, and then proceed to become "sick" all over you?

. . forget to put a "little white card" in the supervisors box telling them you were going on a trip, come back from the trip to find out that you had a "visitor?"

. . spend all night making devices, and have the children use them to play "pick a card" games?

. . substitute in another class where some of the children called you by your first name, and were your buddies?

. . substitute in a Junior High where you were mistaken for a pupil?

. . have a supervisor arrive at 9:00 A.M.; a bat arrive through an air vent at 9:02 A.M.; and the supervisor leave, promising to return soon at 9:03 A.M.?

. . plan to bring some of the children in your class to your speech class on Friday, and have all of them get the chicken pox on Thursday?

IF YOU HAVE had these and other similar experiences, then you are an "experienced" student teacher.

# International Relations Club

On May fifteenth, the International Relations Club held their annual banquet at the Paxton Inn. Guests of the club were the library staff, Mr. Joyce and Miss Smith. At this banquet the club members discussed many of the controversial world subjects which affect international relations.

**Dick Ethier, president of the I.R.C., presented Mr. Gould, the faculty adviser, with a gift. Dr. Jones, the past faculty adviser, was unable to attend the banquet. He was presented with a gift the following day in appreciation of the work he did with the club.**

Due to illness, Dr. Arndt, the German vice-consul was unable to speak as scheduled at the consul. It is anticipated that Dr. Arndt, along with both the British and French consuls will speak next year.

**FINLAND HERE WE COME—Studying up on Finland are Barbara Martilla (left) and Ruth Longsjo (right) so that their graduation trip to Finland will be more complete. They leave on June 23 for a trip that will take them to London and Paris, as well as Finland.**

**A.C.E. CONVENTION—Having dinner at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach Study Conference are Elizabeth Mahan, Professor Madeline Wilmarth, (standing) Miss Carol Doyle, (standing) Miss Priscilla Hescock, and Miss Elizabeth Johnson. Absent from the picture was Miss Mary Connelly. This was the annual A.C.E.I. Study Conference.**

# NICOLETTI – NEW SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT

Half of the Sophomore class officers were returned in the May 16th elections. The returned incumbents were **Vice President, Bob Crepeau, Treasurer, Harry Schrader,** both **Social Chairmen, Jerry Kidderis and Lucille Chestnut and Dot D'Allesandro** of the Student Council. Newly elected to their offices are **Bob Nicoletti Jr. to the Presidency, Elaine Gogliomelia to the secretariat, and to the Student Councilship — Ann Capurso and David Maloney.**

The elections did not create a great excitement. Perhaps all had predetermined their votes before the nominations. But a quiet undercurrent could be felt rather than heard in the class.

**Sidelight**

One interesting note is that Treasurer Harry Schrader was elected without the need of a ballot. Upon nomination a round of applause was heard and nominations closed without a single dissenting vote.

## SENIORS

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lege, have changed. We recall that we were the first freshman class to be affected by the doubling of tuition. We saw the first full-time use of the new gymnasium. The new smoker, which everyone now takes for granted, had no furniture when members of our class first used it. We have watched the extension of the parking lot as it was paved around the new building. Carrying books from the old library to the new was rewarded by a day's vacation. And in our Senior year we witnessed the opening of the long-awaited book store.

We leave Worcester State College with a feeling of pride in our work and in our school. Our thanks to all who have helped make this possible.

## Dr. Joseph Reardon Honored at Dinner

Dr. Joseph Reardon, Head of the Mathematics Department will be honored at a Faculty Dinner May 28 in recognition of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a professor at the College.

Dean of Women, Miss Margaret McKelliget, who will retire this year, will also be feted.

# BEAT

Well, it's that time of year again—finals . . . Junior Secondaries never thought that the end of May would come . . . And the seniors will be graduating, through the grace of God . . . Congratulations are in order to **Kathy Snay** (S-4) and **Delores Limoges** (J.S.-3) on their recent engagements . . . Quotable Quote: Criticism wouldn't be so hard to take if it weren't so often right . . . College students spending their spring vacation in Bermuda next year will need chaperones! — Forget it!—Back to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . Junior Secondaries are looking forward to the summer — oh no, more term papers due in September!!!!! . . . Congratulations to the soph decoration committee on a beautiful job for the prom . . . Why does a duck have webbed feet? So it can stamp out forest fires . . . Did you know that an elephant is gray so that it can be distinguished from a bluebird? . . . Wishing **Jane Schwartz** a wonderful two months in France this coming summer . . . Juniors **Al Thibaudeau** and **Jim Watters** will both marry different girls on June 29 . . . The College Choir, which has had a successful season, hopes to make a trip to Vermont next year . . . Nothing is so firmly believed as what we know least . . . We hear that the Junior Class elections were run off so quick that they were over before anyone knew that they had started . . . The **Acorn** will miss senior **Joan Tetrault** next year . . . The freshmen have just about made it — they'll be sophomores in two weeks . . . **Congratulations to the newly elected club officers** . . . Leaving you with this thought: You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they do.

The nicest people the junior elementaries all agree have been the supervisors . . . CONGRATULATION DEPT. — To the college students who have passed the swimming instructors course at Worcester Tech. They are **Carlo Baldino, Margie Rodgers, Judy Carpenter, Denise Bolduc, Mary Creamer, Donna Rossier,** and **Nancy San Clemente.**

**Margie Rogers,** who loves her history class so much she is known to attend more than one session per day.

Quotable quotes—from President Sullivan — "A secret is that which only one person knows."

P. P . S.

## Monfredo Again Named Editor

The Acorn newspaper will once again be under the direction of Editor **John Monfredo.** A graduate of Commerce High School in 1960, John has been a member of the Acorn staff for four years. He was named treasurer in his sophomore year and editor in his junior year.

While at Commerce John Monfredo served as class president in his junior and senior years, represented Commerce at Student Government Day in Boston, was sports editor of the school paper, **Mercury,** and headed many committees and clubs as well.

**Baseball Captain**

John also played varsity baseball for four years. In 1960 he was named captain of the baseball team, and also received the Most Valuable Player Award in baseball. In the spring and summers of 1961 and 1962 he coached a Ruth League intermediate baseball team, piloting the team to a city championship in his first year and losing in the semi-finals last year.

Since coming to Worcester State, he served as vice-president of his class for two years, editor of the **Acorn,** and has been responsible, with the publicity department, for the coverage of the college activities in the local newspaper.

John's plans for the Acorn next year is to continue to make the **Acorn** a stronger independent college newspaper.

## PLAY

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sneaky man who tricks the Haggetts into giving him two of the pictures. Next on the scene is Rosen (Ronald Piccioli) who is a well-known art dealer. He is willing to pay for the pictures, but not at their full price. The last gentleman to appear in the play, Mr. Davenport (Charles Dix), is a famous art critic who has come in complete honesty to do Chris's paintings justice.

Want to know what the surprise ending is? You can see the finish on Wednesday night, May 29th, at 8:15 P.M. See you there!

**END OF SEASON—The W.J.C. baseball team which will complete its season this week are from left to right: (second row) Dick Nash, Mgr., Richie Coleman, Dick Lamothe, Phil Salerno, Dick Clifford, Dick Joubert, Paul Sundstrom, Justin McGrath, J. P. Mockler (Coach).**

**1st — Carlo Baldino, Johnny Reno, Bill Johnston, Dick Bernier, Mike Staiti, Fran Joubert (Capt.), Paul Damore, Kevin Lyons, Austin Maloney, George Albro.**

# LANCER NINE LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

Coach John Mockler's baseball nine, with victory number three cemented recently by a 7-2 count over Boston State, has four games to go at this writing. A few breaks in the contests could bring the Lancers from their present 4-6 won-loss record up over the .500 percentage mark. The team's other two wins came earlier in the season as they swept the Lowell series.

The predominantly underclassman team was impressive in the Boston victory, as it accumulated 11 hits, six of them for extra bases. The defeat avenged an early Boston 4-1 loss.

Soph pitcher Mike Staiti (1-2) hurled all the way, gathering 10 strikeouts and taking advantage of flawless fielding by his teammates.

Kevin Lyons with a double and triple, Staiti with the same, Dick Lamothe, Bob Pahigian and Paul Sundstrom, also with two hits apiece, supplied the power for the victory.

The three games remaining on the schedule are Keene, at home May 20 and away on May 27, Fitchburg, away on May 22, and Rhode Island at home on May 24.

Earlier in the season, the team lost another junior Dick Joubert, brother of Captain Fran, because of illness. Dick played about four games, when he was forced to take the remainder of the season off. The strong hitting right-fielder is expected to be back in uniform next year. Dick Coleman, a sure-handed glove man, was lost because of injury to his knee the day before the season opened. The freshman also is expected to be back for another try next year.

**Wait Until Next Year**

There are seven sophomores on the team. They include batting ace Lyons, Staiti, who also plays second base, George Albro, utility infielder who starts frequently, Dick Clifford, first baseman, Joe Montemurro, pitcher Dave Maloney, an infielder, and Carl Baldino, a pitcher (1-1).

The remainder of the club are all members of the class of '66. Starters include: pitcher Bill Johnston, who was impressive as he struckout 15 Lowell batters in a 15-2 win in his only outing, catcher John Reno, rightfielder Paul Sundstrom, leftfielder Paul Damore, pitcher Dick Bernier (0-2), and third baseman Bob Pahigian. Destined for action next year are subs Phil Salerno, a pitcher (0-0) and outfielder Justin McGrath.

Coach Mockler is justly optimistic for next season. Only upperclassmen on the team are Captain Fran Joubert, a senior who is completing four years of play at first base, and veteran Dick Lamothe, a smooth-fielding junior shortstop. Joubert will miss this season's last two games because of a conflict with finals.

# Sports Notes

**Golf**

The Lancer's Golf team, first in the school's history, opened its season recently with a sound six to one victory over Clark University at a match at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton.

At this writing, the team has yet to play Nichols College, scheduled for May 20, and Worcester Tech, set for May 23. Basketball coach Fran Dyson is the team's advisor.

Paving the way for the win was sophomore Marty Forhan who stroked an impressive 79. Others on the team are seniors Bill Helenius, John Gannon and Ed Lominski, and juniors Bob Nickoletti and Paul Lofgren.

All matches are played at Pleasant Valley.

# W. A. A. AWARDS

On May 7, the W.A.A. held its annual awards banquet. After a speech by Miss Katharine Shea, many girls at W.S.C. were presented their awards for participating in certain areas of the W.A.A.

College banners were given to the volleyball champions—Susan Achorn, Denise Bolduc, Gloria Attomare, Betty Brierly, Kathy Burns, Carol Amour, and Marge Brouillette.

Girls who received their Senior Life Saving Emblems after a year of swimming were: Lois Cronholm, Carol Fouracre, Denise Bolduc, Barbara Lyons. (Absent: Helen Donahue, Ann Fitzgerald, Jane Mahoney.)

**Awards**

Plaques were given to the girls for the top bowling averages. These girls and their averages were: Loralee Gagner (94), Fran Galvin (90), Denise Bolduc (87), Nancy Johnson (87), Judy Zinkus (80), Kathy Burns (84), Gloria Attomare (84), Peg Du Varney (84).

The most important awards are always left until last. Here the W.A.A. presented three girls with $100 scholarships—Kathleen Haven, Kathy Burns, Nancy Walker.

And lastly, "The Women of the Year" was presented to Denise Bolduc and Rosanne Sullivan for this award.

...the longest month
Tunnel Talk: between Frosh and Soph — the 3rd and 4th years are much-easier.
...I must keep typing, they're due tomorrow.
PLINK
TERM PAPER
UNIT
REPORT
...Hey, gang! Here come more visitors to Cook's Canyon.
....Now the waiting.
DATES FOR FINALS
or
VACATION TIME
DO NOT PANIC BUTTON PUSH
Teacher CONTRACT
...one more speaker.
All systems will be CRAM for Project Exam...For some it will be FAITH... others, HOPE.
W.S.C.
HOPE
PLAN BOOK
LESSON PLAN BOOK VOL. II
LESSON PLAN BOOK VOL. I
...From little notebooks, volumes of LESSON PLANS grow.
2,000 ft. CAUTION DROP
ZOOM
...But I only said the scenery was motivating.
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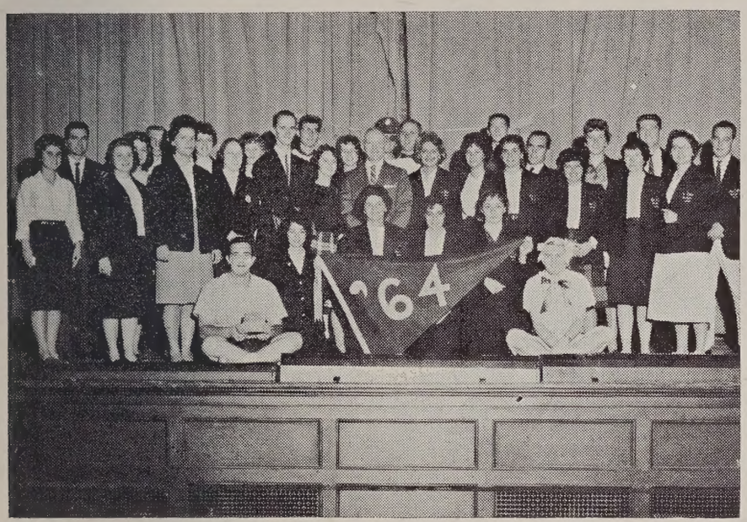



**A YEAR AGO THIS TIME — Approximately 365 days have passed since the skit picture was taken of the Juniors. The question entering everyone's mind is "will the Junior class cop the "All-College Week" trophy for the third consecutive year?"**

## SOPHS and JUNIORS PREPARE

**by MAUREEN REYNOLDS**
**of the Acorn Staff**

"Trophy, trophy, who'll win the trophy?" An air of mystery surrounds the soph class skit as anxious guys and dolls work frantically toward the prize.

This secret aura seems only to add to the mounting excitement as All-College Week gets underway, with all classes vying for first prize. Will the class of '65 cop the trophy? If spirit has much to do with it, the answer is "yes"!

Some students say Dick Bailey, script originator, has shown more ingenuity in this year's script than in last year's "Julius Caesar" (Dick merely wrote a parody of this famous play; rumor had it that if produced on broadway, it would have won more awards than "West Side Story," so our ingenious Dick combined the two!)

Although not as eloquent as William Shakespeare, sophomores believe he can arouse almost as much excitement in this skit as the great playwright (Shakespeare) stirred up with "Julius Caesar" (taking slight time differences into consideration, of course).

The mystery will be solved on Thursday, October 4th. Doors are open to all classes, but the class of '65 requests that judges be given first priority for seats.

## Junior Skit

The Juniors have been cautiously and carefully constructing their skit for "All College Week". They will be enthusiastically trying for their third trophy. Ever since the class of 1964 has participated in "All College Week", they have successfully captured the first place award for their skits. This year they will be presenting "What's Perplexing Gorgeous George?". If you wish to know the answer to this puzzling question, attend the Junior Skit on Tuesday, October 2nd. See you there!

# Skits, Capping, Dance Highlight "College Week"

### *Seniors To Be Honored Next Friday*

**by GEMA SERMUKSNIS**
**of the Acorn Staff**

The week end has arrived. It will be different. It will be different because a "blue" Monday will not follow. Monday is the start of the "All College" week.

First of the month of October is also the first day of the traditional "All College" Week. Skits presented by each of the four classes start the activity that is climaxed by the capping ceremony and ended by the "All College" Dance.

Skits will be performed by class members for their classes at the regular assembly periods. Seniors start on Monday, followed by the Juniors Tuesday, freshmen Wednesday, and the sophomores Thursday. Last year's performances were an experience. The present junior class won the skit competition with their humorous and touching "This Is Your Life—Mr. Lonergan". The seniors presented "The Pharoah". The sophomores used "Peanuts" to show the ways of a classroom. Members of all classes are invited to enjoy and evaluate the skits. Competition is stinging.

**The Events To Follow**

Friday will be a big day for seniors. With the capping ceremony they will officially start their last year as undergraduate students. Faculty advisor to the Class of 1963, Mr. Carpenter will preside at the ceremonies in the gymnasium at 11:00. As an added high point the winning skit is announced at the capping ceremonies.

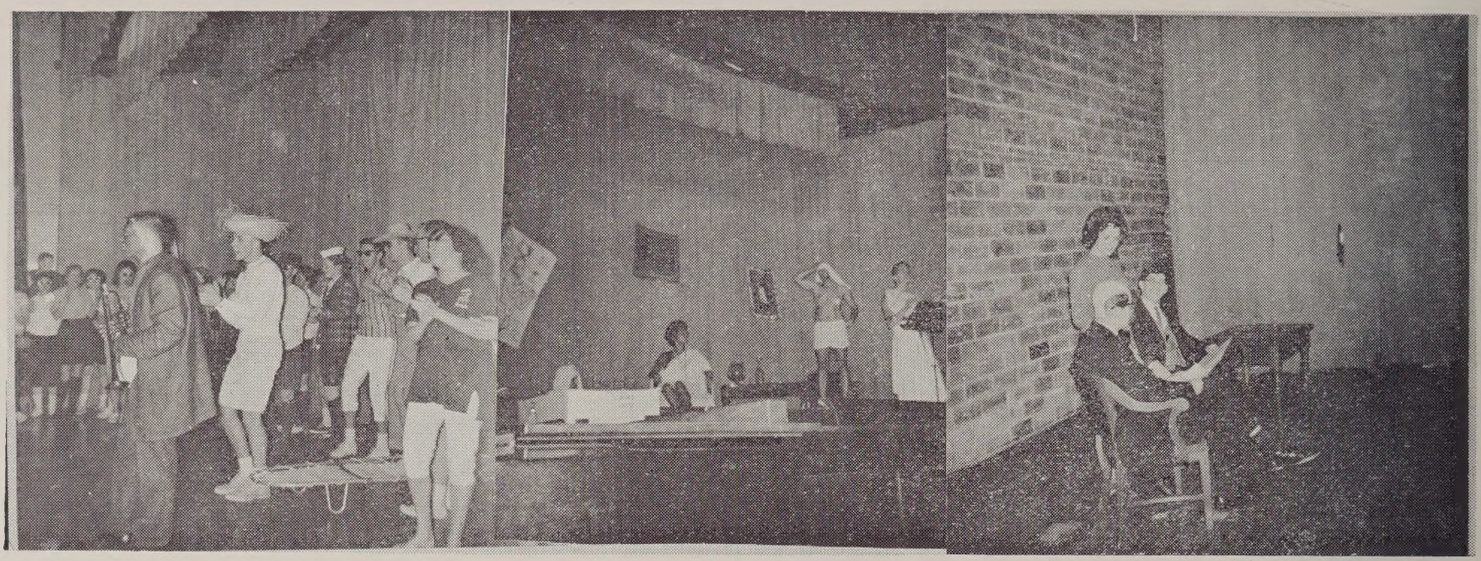
A Senior Tea will follow in the lounge. We shall drink to the honor of the seniors and new faculty members. Committees composed of students and supervised by faculty arrange the tea. It is students that pour.

The "All College" Dance is the grand finale of the five days of activity. The dance needs little introduction or publicity. An impressive attendance is expected. Just bring a partner and a jovial spirit.

## "All College Week" Objectives

This week is a great opportunity for each class to work among themselves and to function as a strong unit. We can all volunteer our own ideas and even better we can give our time and our effort. The award given at the end of All College Week to the class with the greatest number of points is the least important object of this five day spectacular. This week is a good time for the freshmen to become better acquainted with each other, and for the upper classmen to strengthen old friendships and to mend aging grievances. We should all strive for more than first place—we should make an effort to gain a respected place in our class and in our school.

# SKITS OF THE PAST



## ATTEND THE SKITS

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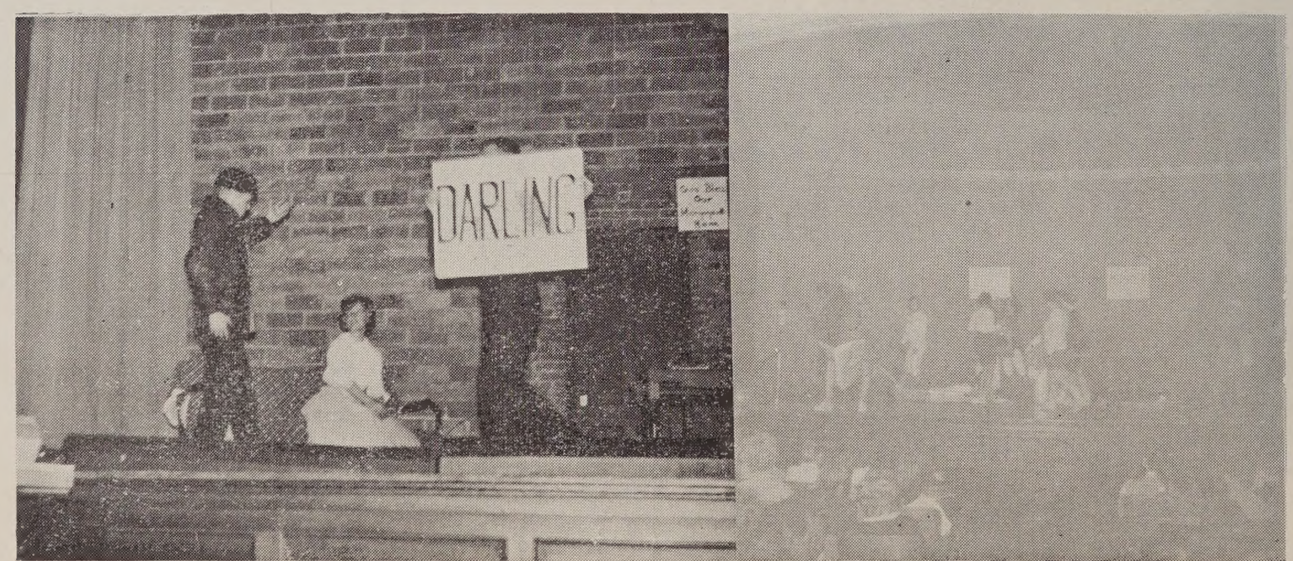
## CHEER YOUR CLASS ON